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## Tribute to a lost



BY NICHOLAS BIEBER  
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The Northampton School for Boys rugby team pose in #BacZac hats in a tribute to a former NSB player.

Zac Forskitt, 20, died on Sunday after a brave battle with two cancers.

But the NSB U18s ran out at the HQ of rugby

yesterday, intent on carrying his memory on. The boys were playing in the final of the Natwest Schools Vase at Twickenham - a competition Zac had represented NSB in just three years ago.

Describing Zac as a 'lover of life', his family said: "He fought and fought and kept fighting with so much energy and courage right until the end."

"He had the wrong body, a body that had too many illnesses to overcome and the combination of all the harsh chemotherapy was a battle that was impossible to win."

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TEAM TRIBUTE: Thanks to Paul Grayson for the picture of the NSB U18s squad at Twickenham

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# #snapjustice



#Snapjustice knows that everyone has got an excuse and they all stink. This picture shared on Facebook is of a car parked on the pavement in Norman Way, Irchester, right next to the tail of a caravan. The narrow space left forced

pedestrians to walk around the car and into the road.

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## text 2 text

Where is your favourite spot in the world?

When I am skiing I like to stand on the mountain top and breathe in fresh air

Is there one thing you have lost and want back?

No, I have all I need and do not hold onto possessions

If Pasha Kovalev was a drink what drink would he be?

It would be a sweet drink but something which had a little bit of a kick to it.

What is your favourite sandwich?

Cheese and bologna ham. It is simple but it is a taste of my childhood



Txt 2 Txt is with Pasha Kovalev the 2014 winner of the BBC show Strictly Come Dancing. He will be at the Core at Corby Cube in It's All About You on Sunday, March 27

What song makes you cry or gets you emotional?

I am not a crier but a song which makes me emotional is The Blower's Daughter by Damien Rice

What is your favourite pair of shoes?

A pair of blue suede loafers which are very comfortable and can be worn with a tuxedo.

What was the name of your teddy bear when you were a child?

I did not have any soft toys. What I had was an electric building set which I enjoyed.

Are you superstitious and if so how does this manifest itself?

I grew up knowing about if a black cat crossed a road you had to wait until the next thing crossed the road

## Editor's Letter



### You cannot teach the things you learn from playing rugby

I am writing this the night before Number 2 son Dougie runs out at Twickenham with the Northampton School for Boys U18s in the final of the Natwest Schools Vase.

Dougie is in a hotel near the ground with the rest of the squad. They have been issued with new kit (sources close to the team suggest: "Courtney Lawes has done us a solid with Adidas").

Dougie is about as excited as six-foot of 16-year-old prop forward can be. He might start on the bench because he has had to battle back from a nasty ankle injury. So be it. We will cheer him on there. He is all about the team and he is grateful just to have made it into the squad.

His older brother Jed loves rugby and he didn't make the cut this time, but he will be on one of the nine NSB coaches going down to watch. As is his younger brother Billy, who is learning the art of the Full Back.

What you see as a parent, through it all, is the complicated way they support

### It's unconditional brotherhood between brothers, team mates and schoolmates

each other. Sometimes it's criticism, sometimes it's mickey taking and sometimes it's unconditional brotherhood – between brothers, team mates and schoolmates.

The boys have all got #BacZac on their shorts, in memory of the former NSB pupil Zac Forskitt who succumbed to a rare cancer over the weekend. Three years ago he played in the Schools Cup for NSB.

Our headline Tribute to a Lost Brother comes from assistant coach Paul Grayson's Tweet out of the team photo with the boys all wearing #BacZac hats. No-one in the brotherhood faces anything alone.

Parents, coaches and school would all want to claim their part in teaching that but fair dues – rugby has done it, with all the bravery it takes to make and break tackles and look after the ball like it deserves.

It hasn't taught them, it has showed them they have got heart for whatever challenge they might face. You can't win bigger than that.

Steve Scoles

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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Power failure

Around 2,000 homes in four postcode areas in Northants were hit by a power cut last Sunday morning. Homes in NN2, NN3, NN6 and NN11 were without power from around 9am. The power was back on by midday.

## Bungalow blaze

Witnesses saw children running away from a deliberate fire at an unoccupied bungalow in Boothville, Northampton, on March 3. The fire caused significant damage. Police are appealing for more witnesses.

## Stranger alert

Police have warned locals not to open their doors to strangers after a distraction burglary in Wellingborough last Wednesday. Two men talked their way into an elderly victim's home and stole property.

## Minibus crash

Seven casualties were rushed to hospital with injuries after a crash involving a minibus, lorry and car on the A605 near Barnwell, Northants, last Friday. The casualties suffered trauma - including head, neck and back injuries.

## Scam warning

Northampton Borough Council is warning people to be vigilant about receiving calls from scammers pretending to be from the authority and offering a council tax refund before taking their personal details.



RESCUED: The horses had been stranded in the Embankment field for three days

# Animal rescue

## The sudden downpour of rain last week left a lot of our four-legged friends needing some assistance

Heartbreaking pictures of several horses marooned in a flooded field in Wellingborough sparked calls from angry residents for a rescue effort.

And after alerting the RSPCA, who then contacted the owners, people's hard work paid off and the horses were rescued.



More pictures and flooding report - p16&17



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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Police presence



More than 25 police officers were seen outside a pub in Northampton last Saturday, leaving passers-by questioning what was happening.

The officers were at the King Billy pub, in Commercial Street, from 1pm, to keep an eye on Cambridge Utd football fans who were at the pub ahead of their game v Northampton.

## Dessert house



The location of a new dessert house opening in Northampton town centre has been revealed. Kaspas's, a chain of American-style dessert houses, will move into the former Blacks camping store in the Drapery. No date has been set for the opening.

# The cafe serving up junk food

## H&P reporter NICHOLAS BIEBER finds out more about a cafe selling food destined for landfill

A lunchtime snack made out of food destined for landfill may not sound very appetising, but a 'junk food cafe' is proving the opposite.

Elsie's Cafe, located in the Labour Club in Charles Street, Northampton, serves up meals made from ingredients deemed either damaged or past their sell-by date by supermarkets and restaurants.

The cafe - part of the Real Junk Food Project which has seen eateries spring up in more than 40 destinations in the UK - also asks customers to 'pay-as-they-feel', whether it be 1p, £10, or the offer of washing up the pots.

And to highlight its success - already proven by the 60 customers who visit the cafe every day, compared to the 14 who turned up on day one - the co-owner of Elsie's was last month named Northampton's most inspirational woman of the year.

But despite being awarded the honour at the Guildhall in Northampton - a year

after the cafe first opened - following a public vote, Shena Cooper is keen not to take all the credit.

Instead, she would rather focus on doing what she does best - rescuing food from ending up in the bins. And even since setting up Fruitful Abundance, a Crick-based volunteer group which runs the cafe and aims to encourage people to stop wasting food, she has been doing just that.

"It's going really well, we are rescuing almost half a tonne of food every week - so that's excellent," Shena said.

"And we throw very little away, which is important."

"We are serving between 30 and 60 people a day now - which is a lot more than we had on our first day, which was around 14 customers. And we are also doing pop up cafes."

"So yes, it is going fantastic - and going into work in the morning makes me feel happy."



SHINING EXAMPLE: Shena is one of Northampton's most inspirational women

"The atmosphere in the cafe is wonderful. It is a bit like a party every day!"

"I really enjoy doing it."

Asked how the idea of a junk food cafe works, Shena says Elsie's cafe has a strong list of 20 suppliers - including Waitrose supermarket in Kingsthorpe, butchers and warehouses - which offer unwanted food for her to collect.

And as Shena explains:

"Unwanted food could mean sliced bread in a bag where the tie on the end has come loose, or a packet of biscuits

where the end has been crushed to bits, or even a tin of soup which has a dent in it."

Once delivered to the cafe's kitchen, a team of volunteers then turn the ingredients into 'beautiful food' - from cakes and biscuits, through to soups and hot dinners.

But despite the proven success of Elsie's Cafe, Shena admits there will still be doubters.

"What I would say to those doubters is there are 150 cafes out there that are all serving unwanted food, and

so far nobody has had any complaints about the food, it has been well received."

"All the cafes are also either rated four or five by the Food Hygiene Agency."

"So I would like to encourage everybody to eat with us because if they do, it will make the food industry reform itself - it will make it look at itself, look at things that are going on which are not ethical, practical or sustainable."

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# Top 5

## Events in Northants this summer

H&P reporter Nicholas Bieber compiles a list of events taking place in our county this summer...

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**Althorp Literary Fest** - With a line-up of celebrity guest speakers, this event at Althorp House is from June 30-July 3



# 2

**The Women's Tour** - Watch top cyclists race from Northampton to Kettering on June 19. A race for amateur riders is on June 17



# 3

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# 4

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# 5

**International Waendel Walk** - Explore the scenery and culture in Wellingborough with this annual walk from May 13-15



# Cobblers player in races wee shame

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER  
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Northampton Town striker James Collins says he 'cannot apologise enough' after he was photographed urinating into a pint glass and throwing the contents over a balcony at Cheltenham Races.

The 25-year-old, who is on loan at Sixfields from Shrewsbury Town, was fined two weeks' wages by the Cobblers yesterday and warned about future conduct following Tuesday's incident.

Collins had been at the festival with other footballers,



**CAUGHT SHORT:** Collins pours the liquid out of his pint glass

including MK Dons midfielder Samir Carruthers, who was also caught in the act.

Collins said: "I cannot apologise enough for my actions. I have completely let myself, my family, the fans, and the two clubs that I represent down and I am sorry to everyone involved."

"My actions are not excusable and whilst the pictures are rather misleading in that there were not people below this balcony and it was only a grassed area there is still no defence to what happened."

Chairman of the club, Kelvin Thomas, said: "James knows full well of our disappointment in him and fully accepts that his actions have damaged the reputation of the two clubs and football in general."

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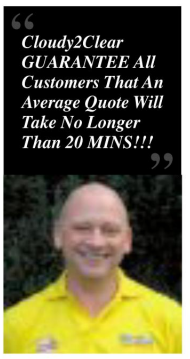
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#### MY PERSONAL PLAYLIST

Jason Stockwood



The CEO of Simply Business shares his personal playlist

Stone Roses -  
Fools Gold

I had a lot of fun in the 90s and although full of nostalgia this is a track that has aged well

Bach -  
Chaconne

I don't know a lot about classical music but this is one of my favourite pieces

Stevie Wonder -  
For Once in my Life

Who doesn't like Stevie Wonder? It was the first dance at my wedding

Fionn Regan -  
Dogwood Blossom

I'm a massive fan of poetic guitar songs that trade on melancholy. This is a fave example

Daft Punk -  
Get Lucky

This song was playing at 4am when we signed our last shareholder deal. Uplifting, memorable and always makes me smile

# 6,000 run around home of F1



## Marathon a big hit at Silverstone

6,000 runners lined up to take on the challenge of the 2016 Adidas Silverstone Half Marathon at the Silverstone track on Sunday. The thousands of charity and club runners who took to the world famous Formula One motor racing track were joined by all things weird and wonderful - from a fire engine costume to the structure of a dinosaur. The men's and women's wheelchair races took place at the same time as the run.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Celeb line-up

A Skills Fest at Northampton College will feature a star-studded line up, including Celebrity Big brother winner James Hill, and Made in Chelsea star Jamie Laing. The event, for current and prospective students, is on April 22.

## Serious injury

A man sustained a serious head injury during a crash on the A43 near Wellingborough on Sunday. The 30-year-old was driving a Renault Scenic when it collided with a Ford Galaxy travelling in the opposite direction.

## Man flashed girls

Police are appealing for witnesses after a man indecently exposed himself to a group of young girls in an alleyway in Wellingborough. The incident happened in Anderson Green on the afternoon of Sunday, February 21.

## Dog walk reward

East Northamptonshire Council is offering free micro-chipping to anyone who takes part in their '5000 Paws' dog walking challenge this month. It will be the law for owners to microchip their dog from April 6. *More online.*

## Rainy day cash

Most of the money raised by Cobblers fans to save their club will be put aside for a 'rainy day', the Northampton Town Supporters' Trust has announced. The Trust will also use £5k of the £37k raised to help other clubs in need.

## Walking football

Northampton Town FC is seeking men aged 50-plus to take part in a Walking Football Festival on Saturday, April 2. The event will be held at Thomas Becket Catholic School from 11am to 1pm. *More online this weekend.*

## 'The Ellis show'

Northampton North MP Michael Ellis is planning an apprenticeship show for 400 school students. The 'Michael Ellis Apprenticeship Show' will take place at Royal & Derngate on April 22, and will feature 30 businesses.

## Family circus

A traditional family circus called 'Circus Mondao' is making its first ever visit to the village of Earls Barton this week. The show, which started yesterday, is at White Nurseries, in Clay Lane, until Sunday.



ALWAYS SMILING: Zac Forskitt, despite battling two cancers, always remained upbeat

# Zac dies after cancer battle

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER  
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A young man who touched the hearts of thousands with the heartbreaking story of his battle with two cancers has passed away.

Zac Forskitt, 20, of Abington Vale, was diagnosed with two forms of the disease last September - a tumour on his chest and a rare form of leukaemia.

But rather than letting the devastating news get him down, Zac 'continued to smile', and inspired his family to kick-start a campaign to raise awareness of his condition - which they called 'BacZac'. Since

then, people all over the world helped to raise thousands of pounds for his family, including his former rugby teammates at Northampton School for Boys (NSB) and Old Northamptonians.

But despite fighting on, Zac's dad, Jason, announced over the weekend that his son had become 'critical' in Nottingham City Hospital, and urged people to 'say a prayer or send love'.

And on Sunday night, Jason shared the devastating news that Zac's battle had come to an end.

Floods of tributes then followed, including the

following statement on the #BacZac Facebook page: "The family have been overwhelmed by your messages of support and the love that you have shown them over the last few months.

"Our thoughts and prayers go to Jason, Helen and Beth - Zac inspired so many of us and his bravery and courage will stay with us forever."

Zac's former rugby team at NSB also added their voice to the tributes in a squad photo on Tuesday, ahead of their big match in the NatWest Schools Cup Vase competition - in which they sported shorts with 'BacZac' on them.

## New searches for missing teenager

Police officers this week started new searches for a teenager they believe was murdered after going missing from her care home 16 years ago.

Sarah Benford, who would have turned 30 this weekend, has not been seen since April 2000 and her disappearance has been treated as a murder investigation since 2003.

Sarah (pictured) was just 14 when she went missing and with her birthday coming on Saturday, her family remain hopeful for some information that will help solve the mystery of her disappearance.

Sarah's mum, Vicky, said: "My daughter should be celebrating her birthday this



week. She has a brother and sister who miss her every day and we all need to know what has happened to her.

"I have spent the last 16 years wondering where she is. As a family we are looking for closure around her disappearance and somebody must know some-

thing." Sarah, who lived with her family in Kettering, was a 'troubled teenager' who had a history of running away and had spent some time in care at Welford House in Northampton.

The last confirmed sighting of her since her disappearance was by her mother two days later in Kettering.

Police believe Sarah may have been murdered in the early days of her disappearance.

Since launching the murder investigation officers have pursued more than 5,000 lines of enquiry, taken 664 statements and collated more than 1,000 reports.

This week's searches started in some woodlands in Warkton, near Kettering.

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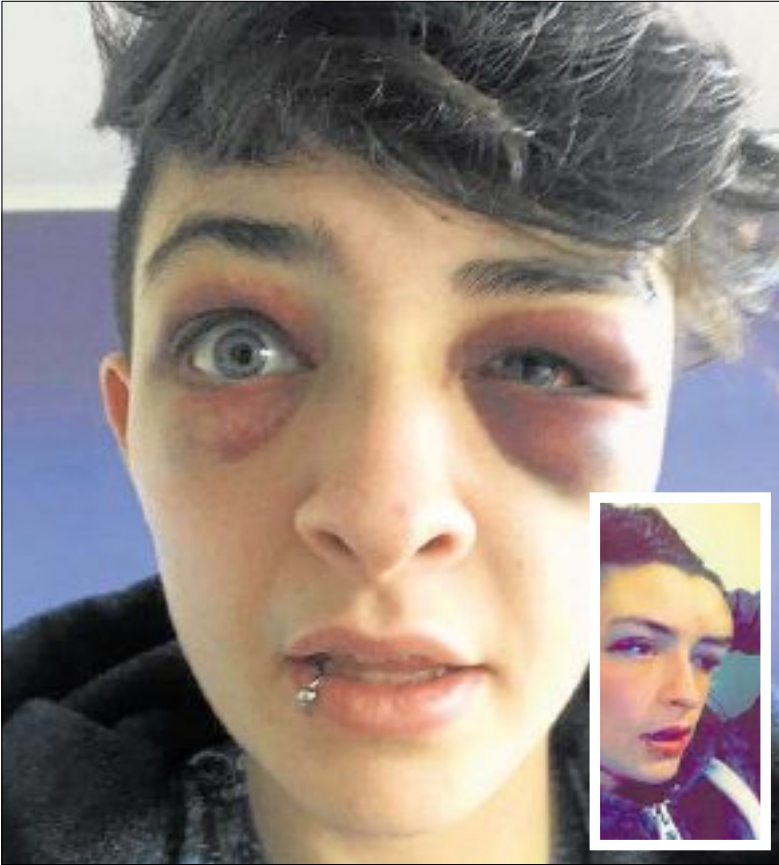
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**STILL SUFFERING:** Amy Langford, 21, was attacked while trying to break up a fight in the town

# Helper pays price for stopping fight

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**A Good Samaritan was left with horrific facial injuries after being knocked unconscious by a man while trying to break up a fight.**

Amy Langford, 21, from Duston, was forced to take two weeks unpaid leave from Boots - where she works as a delivery driver - after the attack outside The Old Bank pub in Northampton town centre last month.

The former Duston School student had been out with friends on the night of Saturday, February 20 when she saw a fight between two girls outside the pub.

Although she thought nothing of it at first, she then recognised an old school friend running over to try to break up the brawl so she also rushed over to try to pull her friend out.

But while trying to play the Good Samaritan, a man ran over and allegedly punched Amy in the face, before striking another blow to her head - knocking her unconscious.

Eventually coming round five minutes later, Amy found herself surrounded by friends and passers-by checking she was alright - before

being rushed to A&E at Northampton General Hospital in a police riot van.

When Amy arrived at hospital she had a CT scan and was monitored for three hours before being allowed to go home.

She was told she had suffered severe whiplash and major concussion, as well as bruising.

And in the days that followed, a lump above her left eye ballooned to the size of a golf ball.

Despite returning to work last week, Amy admits she still doesn't feel 100 per cent, and has a lingering headache, along with the lump above her eye which is being checked again by a doctor.

Looking back on the night she was attacked, Amy told the Northants Herald & Post: "I'm just shocked to be honest.

"It puts a lump in my throat when I see the pictures of myself.

"I wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy.

And asked whether the attack had put her off going into the town centre at night, she replied: "Yes, definitely.

"I even feel like I'm looking over my shoulder when I walk my dog, let alone going to town."

## Egyptian ambassador launches new Sekhemka plan

A 4,500-year-old statue sold by Northampton Borough Council for £15.8 million could stay in the UK after the Egyptian ambassador to Britain mounted a last ditch attempt to buy it.

The Sekhemka statue was sold in 2014 to part fund the £14m expansion of the

Northampton Museum and Art Gallery.

But last year Culture Minister Ed Vaizey put a temporary export ban on Sekhemka to give a group until March 29 to raise funds to buy it and prevent it from leaving the country.

And this week, it was

announced by the Egyptian ambassador to Britain, Nasser Kamel, that his country wants to save the statue for shared UK and Egyptian display.

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## Greek handbag



This week's Must Have is with Shena Cooper, the co-owner of Elsie's junk food cafe.

The cafe, which is located at the Labour Club in Northampton, is unique in that it serves up meals made from ingredients deemed either damaged or past their sell-by date by supermarkets.

Shena's Must Have is her handbag, which she bought in Greece 10 years ago. "It contains everything I need," she says, "like my phone, keys and cards. Everything precious to me is in this bag."

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## BLOGGER OF THE WEEK

No matter what...

### Caroline Scattergood

Caroline is part of the Caring Sharing Trust in Cogenhoe and also campaigns for Chinese occupied Tibet. Here she writes about the annual Tibetan flag raising ceremony at the Guildhall...



A compassionate group of over a hundred people including ex-Mayors and councillors gathered together in Northampton's Guildhall on 1st March 2016 to "Shine a Light" on the suffering in Tibet.

The Guest of Honour, His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Representative, Mr Chonpel Tsering was greeted by the Mayor, Cllr Penny Flavell, the Chairman of the County Council, Cllr Phil Larratt and Leader of the Council, Cllr Mary Markham.

The event began with a short meditation on Compassion and Loving Kindness for Tibet led by Rozz and Ant.

The musical feature was "No Matter What" with one lyric being "No matter what they call us, however they attack, no matter where they take us, we'll find our own way back". This had extremely moving pictures with it and the song was dedicated to the memory of 17 year old Kelsang Namtso, a Tibetan Nun shot dead on the Nangpa Pass by the Chinese border guards in 2006. A brutal murder that was

captured on film and shown to the world; but memories are short and the audience were asked to remember her name and her mummy and daddy.

There were messages of support from Michael Ellis MP, David Mackintosh MP and actor Dominic West wrote God Bless Tibet!

Everyone was given a gift of a photo of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and told how important it was to cherish it, as in Tibet you would be arrested for having such a treasure. For example 47-year-old Monk Gomar Choepal has been jailed for two years for having photos of His Holiness on his phone and his family do not know where he is!

The event was closed with inspiring words from Chonpel Tsering and then the flag was raised to cheers of support for Tibet. Tibet and its people ARE LOVE!

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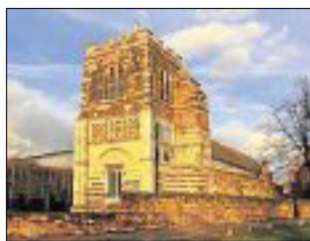
Last week we reported that St Peter's Church in Marefair, Northampton, had been named the sixth least visited tourist attraction in Britain.

Here is how our readers on Facebook reacted to the news:

**ALAN R PRICE:** I've lived in the county since 1979, and visit Northampton several times a month. I worked in Abington St for five years yet I've never heard of St Peter's before. Given that I've visited many of the county's historical and heritage sites, what does this tell you about its PR and marketing strategy?

**CHRISTINA HESTER:** I have been several times because of its choir, when Ollie was an angelic, but grubby treble, and my friend's children sang there. Shame on the council and local tourist board. It is stunning. Cxx

**AARON LOUCH:** 78 Derngate, boot



and shoe, Abington museums! Charles Rennie Macintosh Kicks it as far as the park!! Seems ok, but perhaps a bit more worth visiting for tourism in Northamptonshire perhaps!!

**ALASTAIR LEITH:** What do we have to bring people here? We have decent local parks, the Delapre Live, granted, all something. We also have the balloon fest, but that's about it

**MEL LINIERES:** I stumbled across this church by accident. Beautiful, and the volunteers were really knowledgeable. Such a shame!

**CHRIS LAMBERT:** Sadly we have little else to bring people to Northampton so it's no wonder they don't get people through the door.

### Disciplinary panel which sacked cop who killed wife is costly nonsense

I refer to your piece (about the police officer, Adrian Goldsmith, who murdered his wife) in the recent issue of the Herald & Post.

I know that we shouldn't be surprised at anything these days but what sort of society is this where a disciplinary panel has to be convened and chaired by the Chief Constable to determine whether a police officer found guilty by a Crown Court jury of murder and sentenced to a minimum of 15 years in prison should be dismissed from the police service?

Surely this is a costly nonsense. Thanks for highlighting it. By email, John Clargo

## Lunchtime Life

Everyday life's little curiosities snapped this week. Send yours to [news@hpnorthants.co.uk](mailto:news@hpnorthants.co.uk)



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# Mr Pothole eyes up US

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A pothole campaigner on a one-man crusade to get Britain's roads fixed could be heading Stateside – after Donald Trump made a rallying call for America's own craters to be tackled.

Since 2013 Mark Morell, a former British Gas engineer who is now known as Mr Pothole, has been on a quest to fix the problem in the UK by using social media to expose his finds.

The 55-year-old Northants resident's campaign has gone nationwide, making it in national newspapers and TV shows. But as well as having a fan base in Britain, he has struck a chord with Americans – as their country is also facing a pothole crisis.

And when Donald Trump, who is campaigning to be nominated as the Republican candidate to run for President of the United States, said recently 'we've got to fix our potholes' – Mark's fan base across the Atlantic grew even more.

Mark said: "I was going to bed as normal on that night



**GOING STATESIDE?: Mr Pothole is considering offering his help to Donald Trump to 'fix America'**

when suddenly my Twitter feed lit up. One of my followers in the US had tagged me in on what was going on and I ended up staying awake until 4am."

He added: "I was then tweeted by a very well known US TV voiceover artist, Austin Keyes, who said that there are fertile prospects in Los Angeles for me. The next thing I knew I had more interest in if Mr Pothole would come to the US if Trump becomes Republican nomination for US President."

Mr Pothole says he 'may well be interested' but wants to find out more first.

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Tuesday

RTC - Car (x2)  
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RTC - Car

Wednesday

Cardiac arrest  
RTC - Car (x2)

Thursday

Cardiac arrest  
RTC - Car (x2)

Friday

RTC(x2)  
RTC - Motorcyclist

Saturday

Sport/Leisure  
Medical - collapse  
Equestrian  
RTC  
RTC - Pedestrian  
RTC - Motorcyclist

Sunday

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**NOT ALONE:** Chris Rayatt-Howard gave care home resident Joyce Beckett the cushion made out of her late husband John's shirt so she felt comforted. Inset John and Joyce had been married for 70 years

# Widow's tears of joy at cushion gift

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER  
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A recently widowed gran was left 'overcome with emotion' after retirement home staff gave her a cushion made out of her late husband's favourite shirt.

Joyce Beckett, 93, became distressed in the evenings at her home at Richmond Villages, in Grange Park, after her husband of 70 years, John, passed away aged 91 on February 11.

Staff started noticing the elderly widow, who suffers from dementia, liked to always be with someone to hold their hand to comfort her.

So Chris Rayatt-Howard, head of activities at the retirement home, decided to make the special 'memory cushion'. He asked the couple's



**COMFORT:** Joyce's special cushion

only son David for John's favourite shirt which he then stitched over a cushion.

Kind-hearted Chris also added a picture of John to the top pocket and attached a message which read: "This is a shirt I used to wear."

"Whenever you hold it know that I am there."

He presented the cushion to Joyce last Thursday who 'wept with happiness' when she realised it was made from her late husband's shirt.

Joyce, who also has a grandson, told staff she was 'quite overcome with emotion in a happy way' after receiving the gift.

Son David, 68, a retired bank manager from Northampton, said: "I can't believe what a lovely touch it was. I'm sure it will be a comfort because she has had some distressing times recently, particularly early evenings, so to have that cushion is just remarkable."

Joyce and John moved into an assisted living suite at Richmond three years ago because David wanted to keep them together as long as possible.

The couple celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on August 18 last year and received a letter from the Queen congratulating them on the big occasion.

## The case of...24 hour culture which is a burger at 3.30am



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Why do so many of you wake up during the early hours of the morning at 3am or 4am and feel the overwhelming need to look at Facebook or go on Twitter?

What are you looking for? What do you expect to find? I would like to think a tweet from a friend telling you to go back to sleep.

What is the next step? I believe it will be paying peo-

### Lawrence John

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ple to Facebook and Tweet for you after you are dead. While you are pushing up the daisies someone will be tweeting and Facebooking a list of tweets, quotes and pictures you have stock-piled for at least 20 years. #tweets-fromthegrave or on Facebook an emoji with a ghostly white sheet and smiley face.

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What I would say is to quote a once famous song is: 'Stop the world I want to get off'.

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# Floods bring back

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

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For some Northamptonians, last week's floods felt a little 'too close for comfort'.

The image of towns and villages submerged in dirty water looked familiar.

The sound of a radio presenter reading out a flood warning for the River Nene struck a chord.

And the feel of water gushing around a person's wellington boots was like a squelchy step back in time.

But by Thursday morning of last week, the memories of the 1998 Easter Floods had receded, along with the four weeks of rainfall which fell on the county 24 hours earlier.

When the River Nene burst its banks on Good Friday in April, 18 years ago, the result was catastrophic.

Two people died, more

**EASTER ECHOES:** The flooding would have reminded many people in Northants of the devastating floods of 1998 (main picture), which killed two people, injured over 150 and flooded 2,500 homes in Northampton



than 150 were injured and more than 2,000 homes in Northampton alone were flooded.

But despite the echoes of that nightmare day, last Wednesday's flood weren't as bad.

Since 1998, the flood defences - built in the aftermath of the floods - have provided much of the county with protection.

However, some areas were still

affected by last week's downpours, such as Towcester - parts of which were submerged in water - and Yelvertoft village, which saw homes and businesses flooded.

The fire service also had to be called out to areas of the county to rescue stranded drivers, while schools were closed and trains were cancelled.

But in comparison to 1998 - last week was only a little echo. Although, like the Nicholas and Steele antiques shop in Cottesbrooke said in a Twitter post: "No more rain please. That felt too close for comfort."





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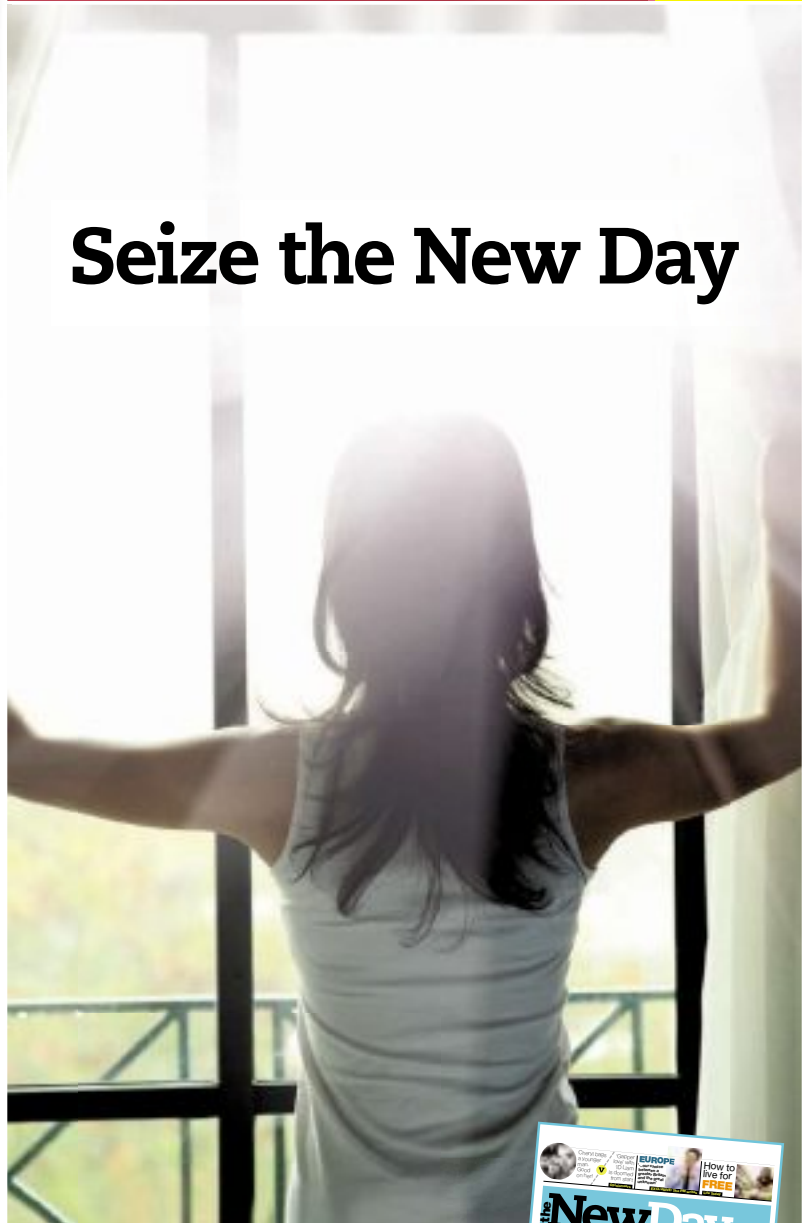
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# FEEL GOOD FACTOR

Good living, getting out there and getting on with it in Northants

## Rucksacks full of food provided for town's homeless

A charitable organisation has provided rucksacks full of food, bedding and toiletries to equip 60 rough sleepers in Northampton.

'Lions' fundraised more than £30,000 for homeless centres across the Midlands and stocked heavy duty rucksacks with bedding, clothes and toiletries to be distributed to those in need.

Northampton Hope Centre passed the bags on to Northampton Association for the Single Homeless who will use them as part of their outreach work.

Meanwhile, two youngsters from Northants have been encouraging local teens to back the rucksack project and get involved themselves.

Amy Bakrania (pictured right) and Chantelle Rowe (pictured far right), both 16, are graduates from the National Citizen Service programme, and recently gave a presentation to 90 teens, calling on them to collect items for those sleeping rough in Northants and Rutland.



## Cuppa by bedside



A fundraiser collecting travel mugs so that parents visiting their children at Northampton General Hospital can have a cup of tea at their bedside has been given a big boost from a shopping centre in the town.

Esther Stimpson, who is collecting the mugs for parents of children staying in the Paddington Ward, has been given 33 travel mugs from

Weston Favell Shopping Centre as part of their 40 Good Deeds initiative.

The fundraiser has been gathering the mugs to give to parents because, due to health and safety concerns, no hot drinks are allowed in the hospital ward unless they are in travel mugs.

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# TV show marks Righty's removal

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER  
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A University of Northampton student who had a tattoo with the inscription 'RIP Righty 1995-2015' to mark the removal of his right testicle starred in a TV documentary series this week.

Harry O'Sullivan, a third-year, joint honours undergraduate, featured in the latest episode of the E4 show *Tattoo Fixers* on Monday, which saw him receive a new tattoo to celebrate his recovery from testicular cancer.

After having his right testicle removed last year following the discovery of a tumour, the 21-year-old opted to have a tattoo, which symbolically depicted a single acorn on an oak tree and another acorn that had fallen off it. Beneath



**RIP RIGHTY:** Harry O'Sullivan had the tattoo done on TV documentary 'Tattoo Fixers'



the artwork, he had the words 'RIP Righty 1995-2015' inscribed.

He said: "I wanted to have a meaningful tattoo that would remind me of what I had been through, but was also not too serious. When I first saw the design of the

oak tree, I instantly loved it. In fact, the whole experience of being on the programme was brilliant – everyone I met was so friendly, which I really appreciated."

## Sponsor Steve on charity ride to Paris

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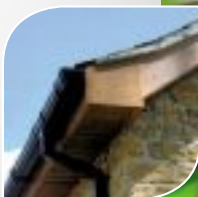
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## Clean for Queen



Pupils at Huxlow Science College in Irthlingborough 'blitzed' the grounds of their school as part of a national campaign to tidy up Britain in time for the Queen's 90th birthday. The students cleared more than 500 items of rubbish.

# 'I won't give up - I will find her'

## NICHOLAS BIEBER talks to the dad who has been waiting to see his daughter for 20 years

In November 1993 a 16-year-old girl told her mum and dad that she was going to Grimsby to see some friends.

But Jaime Cheesman, who would now be 39, never returned to her Wellingborough home, leaving her parents to agonise over the whereabouts of their daughter.

Despite endless searches by police, relatives and friends, Jaime's father Eric

Cheesman is confident she is still alive - and could be living right on his doorstep.

And after police launched a fresh appeal last week to find the former Sir Christopher Hatton student, it is clear the 74-year-old is not alone in his thoughts.

"It has been a long time," Eric said, "but I am still hopeful. I do really miss her, like any dad would - I just want my daughter home."

"I have also got some sad news for her - her mum, grandad and uncle have all passed away."

"But yes, I am confident she will be back home one day. I think she is still living in Northants."

Jaime, who grew up with her parents Eric and Barbara in Wellingborough, was popular in and out of school. She also made a number of friends who were part of the traveller communities in the county and often travelled to and from Grimsby to see friends.

On one of the nights she



HOPEFUL: Eric Cheesman is confident he will find his daughter

was staying round her friend's house, police believe she became involved in an argument and left the address. She never returned.

The last confirmed sighting of Jaime was on November 2, 1993, when she made a benefit claim in the Lincolnshire town. And in the years that followed there were several sightings - in Wellingborough.

In January 1994, a security guard in Swansgate shopping centre said he had chatted to Jaime, not knowing she was a missing per-

son. And in 1996, one of Eric's workmates told him he saw Jaime leaving the former Leather Bottle pub, in Cambridge Street, Wellingborough. But when the witness called the girl - who was with two friends - she laughed and ran off.

The trail then went cold for years until 2004, when Eric thought he saw someone who might have been Jaime walking through Wellingborough market. But to his regret, he did not call out.

In the years that followed the trail went cold again -

but this time it remained so.

In a fresh bid to finally track her down, Humberside Police last week launched a new appeal.

Eric said: "I am happy to see they are appealing again," he said. "It was a detective in Northampton who went to Grimsby last year to ask if they would be prepared to try and again, and now they are doing so."

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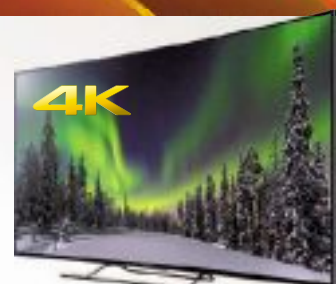
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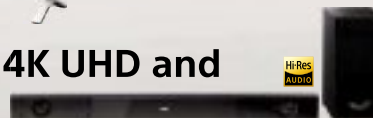
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BY STEVE SCOLES  
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Silverstone is opening up the full British Grand Prix circuit for cyclists next week.

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Among the entrants this year is a team of students from the University of Northampton.

"Our partnership with the University of Northampton is a long standing one, and the students this year are working tirelessly to ensure the success of the event. It will help our work continue and ensure families, who are struggling to bond with their babies, across Northampton-



SADDLE UP: University of Northampton students are taking part

shire are supported through the early years of their child's life," said Louise Danielczuk, NorPIP's Fundraising Coordinator.

Norpip is a charity that supports families, helping parents and children bond in challenging circumstances.

The cycle ride is open to anyone wearing a helmet over the age of seven, and

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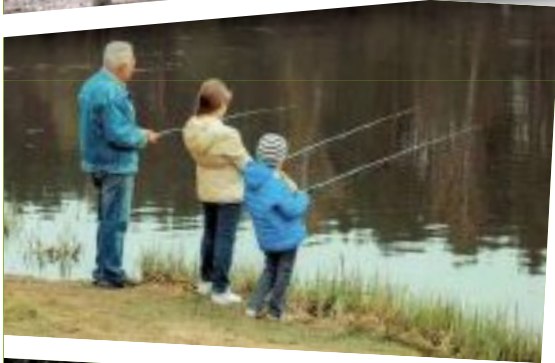
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# Death of racer 'a freak accident'

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

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The father of a British IndyCar driver from Northampton who was fatally injured during a race in the US has described his son's death as a 'freak accident'.

Justin Wilson, 37, was struck on the head by debris after a car in front of him crashed in the final rounds of the ABC Supply 500 at Pocono Raceway, in Pennsylvania, last August.

Mr Wilson, who was born in Sheffield and lived in Northampton before moving to Colorado, was airlifted to a nearby hospital but died of his injuries 24 hours after the accident.

At a brief inquest in the boardroom of Northampton General Hospital, coroner Anne Pember read a statement from Wilson's father, Keith, who described the event as a 'freak accident'.

It said: "The car leading the race crashed and was driving at over 200mph. The driver was unhurt but debris from his car flew high into the air



INDYCAR STAR: Justin Wilson

and a large, heavy piece hit Justin on the head as he approached the scene of the accident.

"Justin was unconscious, he was extracted from the car and rushed to hospital. He underwent surgery and was kept on a life support machine until the following day. The decision was then taken to

switch off the machine and Justin was pronounced deceased.

"Justin was a kind, caring and loving son who is sadly missed by all of his family and friends."

Mrs Pember then concluded that Wilson's death was accidental.

Wilson formerly raced in Formula One for the Minardi and Jaguar teams in 2003, and was competing for Andretti Autosport at the time of his death.

He had driven in the US since 2004 and was making his 174th IndyCar start in the race during which he was struck by debris.

He is survived by his wife Julia, who he married in December 2006, and their two young daughters.

His funeral was held at St James The Great church in Paulerspury, Northants - near the Silverstone circuit where he used to race during his time at Formula One.

It was attended by over 500 mourners, including ex-Formula One drivers Mark Webber and Sir Jackie Stewart.

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## Adaptable family home in popular village



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Nestled at the end of a private driveway serving only three properties sits this adaptable, well presented detached family home, on a generous plot. The property has been extended and now offers a guest suite option to the ground

floor. Accommodation comprises reception hall, cloakroom/WC, sitting room with patio doors to the rear garden and double doors to the dining room, study/bedroom five, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, family room with door to an inner hall and access to a bedroom/bathroom/en-suite. From the spacious landing there is the master bedroom with built in wardrobes and en-suite, second bedroom with miniature

door to a storage room which offers the potential for further development subject to relevant planning permissions, a third double bedroom and bathroom. Externally the frontage provides extensive parking and leads to a double garage. The side and rear gardens are private with a choice of seating areas and large lawns. This unique property in the heart of this popular village warrants an internal inspection.



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## Mirren's movie restaurant a home

CULINARY culture-clash comedy *The Hundred-Foot Journey* provoked movie critics to come up with culinary metaphors in their reviews, such as "undercooked" and "over-egged".

Helen Mirren also came under attack for her 'Allo 'Allo-style accent, although one critic did praise her "beautiful unaccented French", which is ironic as the actress, who's currently filming *Collateral Beauty* with Kate Winslet, once admitted that she'd have loved to play her character in French but producers decided it would have been too highbrow.

She and husband, director Taylor Hackford, also fancied living the French dream and bought a Provencal farmhouse in St-Paul-en-Forêt, about a decade ago. Although they semi-restored it, the pair recently put it on the market.

Mirren's 2014 film tells the story of a feud between two nearby restaurants in a French town: one operated by a recently



relocated Indian family and the other a Michelin-starred restaurant, owned by Mirren as Madame Mallory. She initially tries to sabotage their new venture, but ends up hiring the talented Indian son who helps her restaurant get its second Michelin star.

The film's fictional French restaurant was renovated into a country club and spa with its own restaurant, bar and wine label – and is now the centrepiece of La Durantie

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TEA-time family viewing is a thing of the past in many households as kids plump for tablets or phones instead. But back in the early 1970s, millions of parents and children would sit down together to watch *The Adventures of Black Beauty*.

The Sunday drama is still one of the decade's best-loved TV shows – with one of the most stirring and nostalgic theme tunes – which took Anna Sewell's classic novel about a horse remembering its life with various owners as its inspiration.

Fist shown in 1972, it gained a wide audience and was repeated regularly for many years. The story featured new characters including Dr James Gordon, played by William Lucas, and his children Vicky and Kevin.

Black Beauty made a comeback in the 1990s, in a New Zealand production called *The New Adventures of Black Beauty* set in 1907, 20 years



after the original series, but it didn't catch on.

William Lucas was already a veteran television actor by the time he was cast in *Black Beauty*, and later popped up in *Coronation Street* and *The Bill*, and he also played Stanley Webb in the ill-fated BBC soap *Eldorado*. Lucas once lived here in Hemel Hempstead, in a large house with adjoining barn.

It's since been converted into three homes with shared private courtyard, and one of the cottages is now on the market for £600,000. It's got three bedrooms – two with en-suite wet rooms – large living room, open plan kitchen/diner, utility room, separate dressing room and garage with parking space.

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## Two famous owners? It's not unusual

Back in the swinging '60s they were two of the biggest singing stars in the world, selling millions of records and doing just as well with the ladies.

But Tom Jones and Engelbert Humperdinck developed a simmering rivalry and as a result the pair reportedly haven't spoken a word to each other in the last two decades.

Their long-running feud simmered over when Humperdinck tweeted in 2013 that they could put their differences aside and record a

duet in the honour of former manager Gordon Mills. Sir Tom didn't reply and last year even used expletives to describe his Sixties rival.

But Sir Tom, who was dumped as a judge on *The Voice* last year, was once such good mates with the Please Release Me singer that they co-owned this country pile in Etchingham, East Sussex.

Grade II listed Socknersh Manor dates back to the 16th century and is packed full of original features such as leaded light windows, wide oak floorboards, exposed timbers, wood panelling and fireplaces.

Sitting in 56 acres and recently restored, it's got six bedrooms, large drawing room, study, dining room and family room.

A nearby coach house has a staff flat on the first floor along with games room, cinema and party room on the ground floor. Outside there's a large stable block, barn for car parking, along with swimming pool and spa, floodlit tennis court and lake with boathouse. There's also a four-bedroom stone cottage available as a second lot. It's on the market for £4.75m.

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The Knightsbridge icon gets more than 15 million customers every year through its doors and is on many tourists' sightseeing lists. Last Christmas, Harrods saw one of its biggest Boxing Day queues with thousands of bargain hunters, particularly wealthy Chinese tourists, storming its famous sale.

Back in its glory days, when customers ordered large items of furniture that couldn't fit into the shop, they were stored in its depository in Barnes. The grand building on the Thames also had personal storage space for clients needing somewhere to keep their belongings while they were abroad.

After several decades of neglect, the grade two-listed



building was converted into more than 200 flats known as Harrods Village in 2000, so even if you don't shop at the store, you can now live in its former warehouse.

This three bedroom, first floor apartment – yours for £2.75m – has original features such as full height green curved windows with matching shutters. A reception room leads onto a terrace while the

kitchen/breakfast room has a separate utility room, and the master bedroom's got a separate dressing area and en-suite bathroom.

The gated development has communal gardens, 24-hour porter and security, along with a swimming pool, gym, sauna, and steam room.

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## Buy Bajan home in Wayne's world

WAYNE Rooney kicked back with wife Colleen this week, on a luxury break in Dubai as he works on getting fit for Euro 2016.

The Manchester United and England captain picked up a knee ligament tear and chose to recuperate in the Middle East rather than his more usual destination of Barbados where he owns a holiday home.

In fact, last year the striker put his luxury mansion on the rental market for holiday-makers to enjoy for £8,000-per-week. And he's believed to be putting the house – on The Royal Westmoreland estate – up for sale.

Other sporting stars are fans of the golf resort, including cricketers Michael Vaughan and Andrew Flintoff, boxer Joe Calzaghe and footballers Gary Lineker and Rio Ferdinand –



**GOLF RESORT:** Villas on Royal Westmoreland estate Barbados

with many owning homes here. Bajan pop princess Rihanna is also said to be a big fan.

Until recently, the gated community and golf estate on the island's west coast was aimed exclusively at the seriously wealthy, but it's now broadening its appeal which means you could be rubbing shoulders with these celebs on the beach or putting greens.

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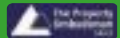
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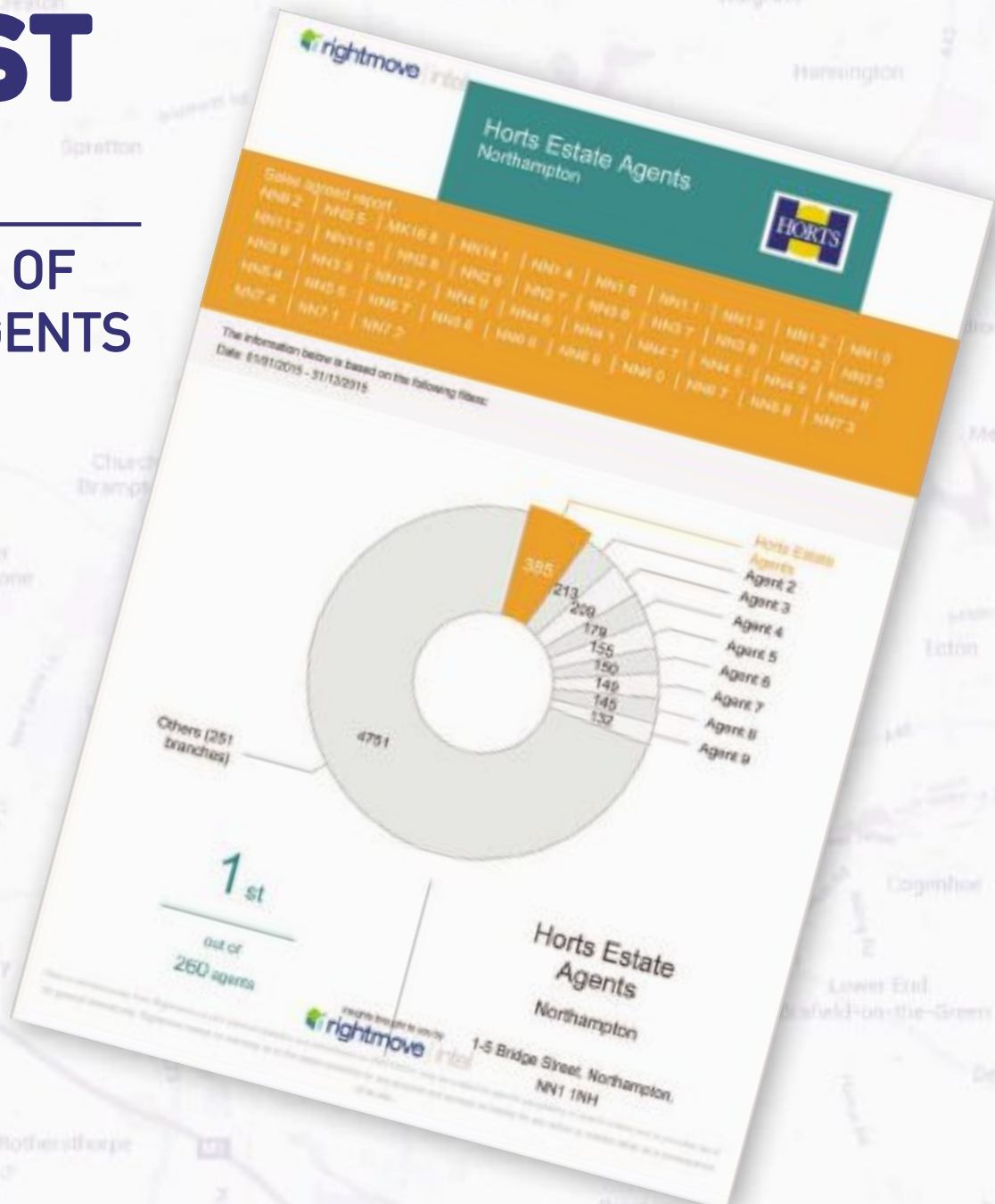


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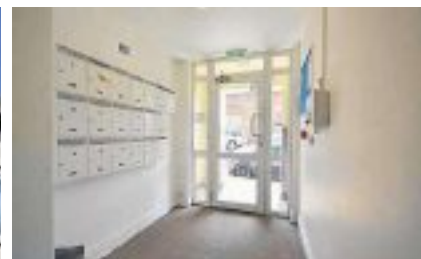


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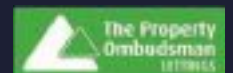


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**Moulton Offers in Excess £300,000**

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Situated in the heart of Moulton Village is this stone fronted, 3/4 bedroom detached dormer style property. In brief the property comprises of, entrance hall, kitchen/breakfast room, living room, dining room, conservatory, study/bedroom four and w/c on the ground floor. Upstairs there are 3 bedrooms and a family bathroom. Large driveway and private rear garden.

**Duston £219,995**

01604 755757



A well cared for and extended two bedroom semi detached bungalow comprising entrance hall, lounge, two bedrooms and an extended kitchen/dining room. Outside are front and rear gardens with off road parking and garage. Benefits include replacement doors and windows and gas radiator heating.

**East Haddon Guide Price £385,000****NEW**

01327 842093



A very well presented four bedroom detached property situated in a quiet cul-de-sac. It has hall, lounge/dining room, garden room, kitchen, large utility room, bedroom four/family room, bathroom, three first floor bedrooms, shower room. Private rear garden, 22' garage, gravel drive, UPVC double glazing, radiator heating

**St James £185,000****NEW PRICE**

01604 633122



A three bedroom double bay fronted Victorian style terrace, offering NO CHAIN. Features include gas radiator heating, enclosed garden with patio, cellar, refitted kitchen with appliances (where specified), refitted cloakroom, separate reception rooms and popular location within Scotch Corner.

**Thorplands Brook £129,995****NEW**

01604 784990



A three bedroom mid terrace property offered for sale with no onward chain. Comprises entrance hall, WC/shower room, lounge/diner, kitchen, utility, three bedrooms and a bathroom. Windows and doors are double glazed where specified and there is gas radiator heating. Outside are front and rear gardens.

**Abington £99,995****NEW PRICE**

01604 231111



A one bedroom apartment in a converted factory boasting high ceilings, large windows, modern fitted kitchen and bathroom and underfloor heating. With easy access to the town centre and Wellingborough Road, this is an ideal opportunity for a buy to let or first time buyer. Currently let on an assured shorthold tenancy yielding £550pcm.

**Kingsthorpe £170,000**

01604 722197



A two bedroom dormer bungalow situated in Kingsthorpe Village positioned on a corner plot. In brief the property comprises entrance hall, lounge/dining room, bedroom one, bathroom and kitchen. To the first floor is bedrooms two. Outside to the front of the property there is off road parking and a rear garden.

**Kingsley £114,995****NEW**

01604 715000



A two bedroom first floor flat situated close to local amenities. Comprises community entrance hall, entrance hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. Outside there is off road parking and communal gardens. Benefits from gas radiator heating & uPVC double glazing. No chain.



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**Kings Heath £149,500****NO CHAIN**

01604 633122



An established three bedroom family home with NO ONWARD CHAIN. Features include - double glazed windows and doors, good size rear garden with decked and lawned area, separate reception rooms, popular location and at the end of a 'no through' road. The property is in need of updating/modernisation.

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**Abington £239,000****NEW**

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A well presented four storey townhouse close to town centre. Ground floor: hall, bedroom, shower room and utility, integral garage. First floor: Two bedrooms and bathroom. Second floor: open plan living space & well appointed fitted kitchen. Third floor: Reception/bedroom. Bin/bike storage area to the side of the property. Rooftop garden.

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**The Mounts £155,000****NEW PRICE**

01604 633122



A two bedroom Victorian terrace home The home in brief comprises lounge/dining room and refitted kitchen to the ground floor, a cellar to the basement and two bedrooms and three piece family bathroom to the first floor. Outside offered a largely decked garden to the rear, with gated pedestrian access.

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**Links View £166,995****NO CHAIN**

01604 715000



Jackson Grundy are delighted to offer to the market this two bedroom semi-detached bungalow. The property benefits from UPVC double glazing, low maintenance front and rear gardens and off road parking for two cars. The accommodation comprises kitchen, lounge/dining room, two bedrooms and a bathroom.

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**Kingsthorpe OIRO £210,000**

01604 722197



Jackson Grundy are proud to offer to the market an excellently presented three bedroom semi detached family home with garage situated at the bottom of a cul-de-sac, and has been modernised by the current owners. Benefits include refitted kitchen, bathroom and boiler.

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**Blackthorn £129,995****NEW**

01604 784990



A three bedroom mid terrace property backing onto a small wood. The property is smartly presented and there are front and rear gardens. Double glazed windows and doors and gas radiator heating complete its features.

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**Blisworth £220,000****NO CHAIN**

01604 633122



An established, extended three bedroom property, offering NO CHAIN. Features boast - open plan kitchen/diner and breakfast room, conservatory, ample off road parking, low maintenance garden, ensuite to the master bedroom, popular school catchments and neutral decor.

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**Duston £189,995****NEW PRICE**

01604 755757



Two bedroom semi detached home, situated in Duston. Entrance porch, lounge with arch to dining room, conservatory. Inner hall to WC, bathroom and kitchen. First floor, two bedroom. Gardens with garage, two brick built sheds, off road parking. Replacement doors, windows, soffits, fascias.

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**St James Offers Over £110,000****NO CHAIN**

01604 633122



A one bedroom first floor apartment comprising lounge/dining room, kitchen, bathroom and master bedroom with built in wardrobes. Other benefits include UPVC double glazing, telephone intercom entry system, a balcony and allocated parking space. No chain. Call now to view!

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**St James £155,000****NEW PRICE**

01604 633122



This wonderful first floor apartment is located in the sought after and popular development of Lifebuilding, St James. Situated in the desirable Park Corner, the home offers two bedrooms with built in wardrobes, a three piece bathroom, and a kitchen open plan to a lounge/dining room with views over the Northampton Saints training pitch.

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**Kingsthorpe £249,995**

01604 722197



A four bedroom detached family home with garage situated at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac. In brief the property comprises entrance hall, refitted WC, lounge with box bay window, kitchen and dining room. To the first floor are bedrooms one, two and three all fitted with wardrobes, a further bedroom and a recently refitted family bathroom.

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**Duston £209,950****NEW**

01604 755757



An extended two bedroom semi-detached bungalow comprising entrance hall, two bedrooms, refitted shower room, lounge, refitted kitchen/breakfast room leading to dining area. Outside has an easy to maintain front garden with off road parking, the rear garden is well maintained and enclosed. No chain.

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**Weston Favell Village £210,000****NEW**

01604 231111



This well presented family home enjoys an elevated position with generous gardens to front and rear. Comprises porch, hall, a living room, kitchen breakfast room, dining room and WC, three first floor bedrooms and bathroom. Benefits include heating, double glazing and a brick outbuilding.

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**Bellinge £145,000****NEW**

01604 784990



A rarely available three story four bedroom end of terrace house. The accommodation is versatile so could be used in all manner of ways. This property would be ideal for a growing family.

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**Long Buckby £195,000****NEW**

01604 231111



A three bedroom semi-detached house situated near the end of a quiet cul-de-sac. It has a lounge/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. Outside there is a driveway and a pleasant west facing rear garden. The property has radiator heating and UPVC double glazing. No onward chain.

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**Sywell OIEO £315,000**

01604 494600



A stunning three bedroom stone Grade II listed cottage which has been beautifully decorated internally. Entrance porch, sitting room, an attractive fitted kitchen, study, utility room and a downstairs WC. Upstairs there are three bedrooms and a stylish refitted four piece bathroom suite.

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**Blisworth £200,000**

NO CHAIN

01604 633122



A wonderful three bedroom end of terrace home. In brief comprises of a lounge, kitchen/diner and conservatory to the ground floor, with three bedrooms and a bathroom to the first floor. Outside offers front and rear gardens with a driveway and garage to the rear. Offered with no upper chain, call now to view.

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**Lakeview £155,995**

NEW

01604 715000



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**Kingsthorpe £284,995**

01604 722197



A three bedroom detached family home set on a very generous corner plot and situated in our opinion in one of the most desirable locations that Kingsthorpe has to offer. Further benefits of the property include double glazing (where specified), gas central heating and no onwards chain.

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**Overstone £295,000**

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**Long Buckby £360,000**

NEW

01327 842093



A beautifully presented individual four double bedroomed detached house with superb views across fields from all the six rear facing rooms. It has a porch, large hall, cloakroom, 26' lounge, dining room, family room, kitchen, bedroom one with balcony and luxury en suite bathroom, three further double bedrooms and large family bathroom. It has UPVC double glazing, radiator heating and is offered with no upward chain. EPC: D

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**Duston £299,995**

NEW

01604 755757



A four bedroom semi detached home comprising entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, kitchen, utility room and dining room. Upstairs is a bathroom and four bedrooms with en suite to the master bedroom. Outside has an enclosed front garden with block paved driveway leading to the carport and garage.

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**Standens Barn £139,995**

NO CHAIN

01604 784990



A six year old two bedroom end of terrace home with a larger than average rear garden. All windows and doors are double glazed and there is electric radiator heating. The property is offered for sale with no onward chain.

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**Abington £252,500**

01604 231111



A charming Edwardian home situated within closed distance of Abington Park. The property is presented in excellent order throughout and boasts separate reception rooms, smart kitchen/breakfast room, three double bedrooms and landscaped gardens to the front and rear. Internal viewing is highly advised.

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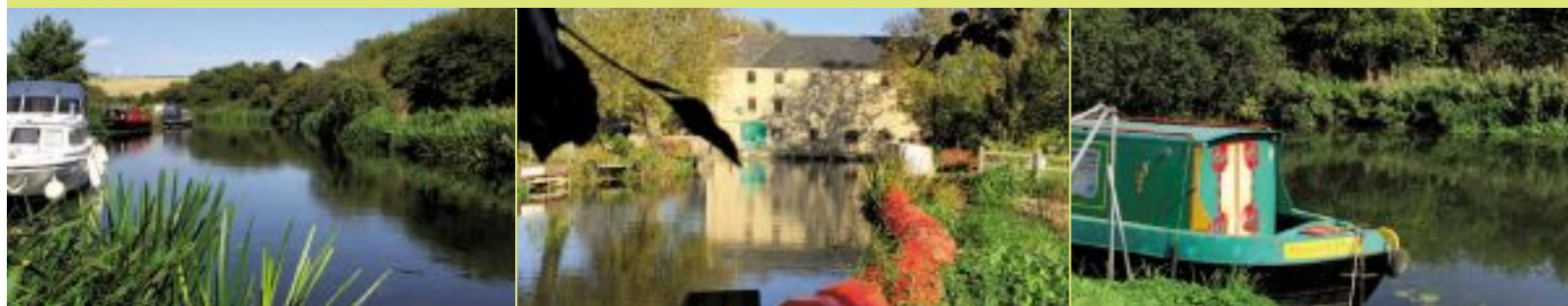
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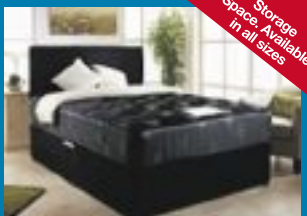
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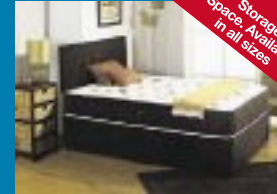
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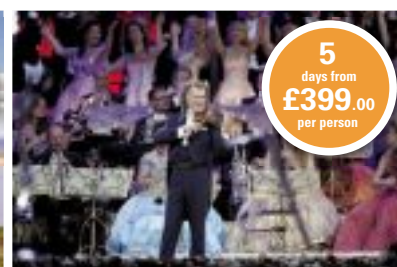
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## Jason Manford's flying high with Chitty

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Ex-Strictly stars set to bow out



Iain's telling the kids jungle tales

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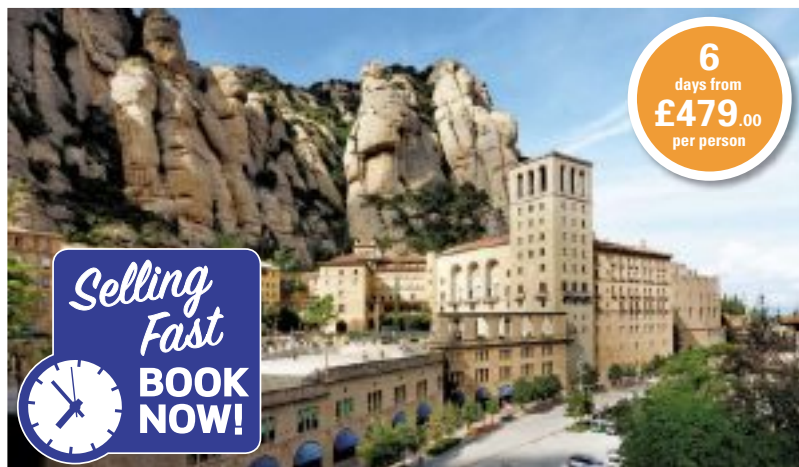
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## Jason joins star cast in truly scrumptious show

BY LAWRENCE JOHN  
lawrence.john@hpnorthants.co.uk

Well-known for appearances on TV shows such as Live at the Apollo, 8 Out of 10 Cats and QI, the multi-talented Jason Manford is set to appear in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

Can the lovable but wacky inventor, Caractacus Potts, along with his two children and the gorgeous Truly Scrumptious outwit the bombastic Baron Bomburst, who has decreed that all children be banished from his kingdom?

What happens when the children are caught and imprisoned by the evil Childcatcher?

Will it all end happily-ever-after? Well, of course it will!

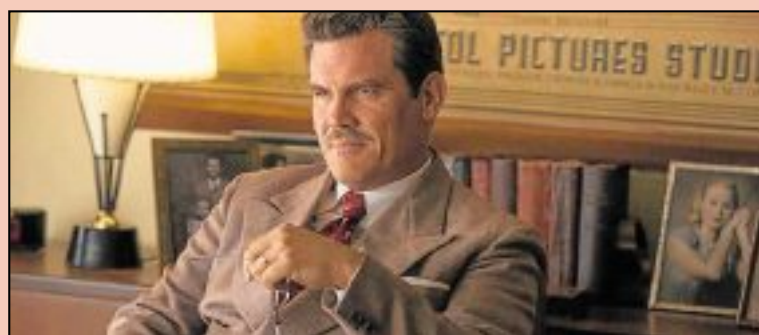
The cast also features Phill Jupitus (The Producers, Hairspray) as Lord Scrumptious/Baron Bomburst, Michelle Collins (EastEnders, Coronation Street) as Baroness Bomburst and Carrie Hope Fletcher, who has been playing Eponine in Les Misérables in the West End, as Truly Scrumptious.

This fun-filled production comes from the producers of Fiddler on the Roof, Oklahoma! and The King and I, and is directed by West Yorkshire Playhouse Artistic Director James Brining.

There are sensational sets and stunning special effects, including Chitty, the flying car herself, and, of course, the memorable score, including such favourites as Truly Scrumptious, Toot Sweets and Hushabye Mountain.

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang takes to the Derngate stage from September 21 to October 2.

Tickets are priced from £17 to £42.50. To book, call 01604 624811 or visit [www.royalandderngate.co.uk](http://www.royalandderngate.co.uk)



## County's arts cinema listings this week

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER  
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Here are the listings for Northamptonshire arts cinemas this week:

**Errol Flynn Filmhouse**

- Trumbo Thursday
- Hail Caesar! (pictured) A Hollywood fixer in the 1950s works to keep the studio's stars in line. Friday-Wednesday
- Creed The former World Heavyweight Champion Rocky Balboa serves as a trainer and mentor to Adonis Johnson, the son of his late friend and former rival Apollo Creed. Friday and Saturday
- Spartacus Sunday

- Hitchcock/Truffaut Monday
- Bone Tomahawk Tuesday
- The Big Short Wednesday

To book tickets call the box office on 01604 624811.

**Lings Forum**

- Triple Nine Thursday
- Hail Caesar! Friday-Wednesday
- Capture the Flag A young surfer rallies his friends to stop a billionaire from rewriting history as a way to hoard Helium 3, the clean energy of the future.

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## WHAT'S ON ROUND-UP

### It's the Last Tango for Vincent and Flavia

Former Strictly Come Dancing stars Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace have created their most moving production yet as they prepare to dance in their final ever theatre show.

Twenty years of performing together have seen them become Strictly Come Dancing favourites, World Argentine Tango Champions, and create and star in their own Olivier Award-nominated West End productions.

Now, as two of the nation's favourite dancers prepare to take on new projects, it is finally time for Vincent and Flavia to say goodbye to audiences across the UK in a brand new, thrilling live performance, The Last Tango.

Flavia said: "We have had such a fantastic time creating and dancing in Midnight

Tango and Dance 'Til Dawn. It's an incredible experience to perform live in front of our wonderful audience night after night but all good things must come to an end. The Last Tango is going to celebrate our best work and most beautiful dance moves before we finally say farewell to theatre."

Vincent added: "The last few years have been intense - we've loved it. It may be our final theatre tour but we're going to go out with a bang. This is going to be our best show yet."

The Last Tango comes to Northampton's Royal & Derngate from March 21 to 26.

Shows start at 7.30pm with matinees at 2.30pm on Wednesday and Saturday. Tickets cost from £16 to £37 by calling 01604 624811 or visiting [www.royalandderngate.co.uk](http://www.royalandderngate.co.uk)

## From children's telly to king of the jungle

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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When you are a children's entertainer you have to sail the three C's: commitment, content and contact.

This is the advice from children's presenter, writer, producer and director, Iain Lauchlan who presented on BBC Playschool for nine years and was involved in the very successful Fingermouse series for the BBC, Playdays, Storytime and Fun Song Factory.

His writing partnership with Will Brenton produced a number of successful programmes including Playdays, Tweenies, Boo and BB3B for the BBC.

He said: "I feel it is something I fell into. I did drama on television in Scotland but when I came south I ended up finding myself in children's television."

"This came about when I was appearing on stage in Coventry and a fellow actor told me Playschool was holding auditions which they never did."

"I went along and got the opportunity to do five programmes and ended up doing it for nine years. I was always struggling to keep my acting going and so eventually fell more into the production side of television. I was always told when I did Playschool you were talking to one four-year-old at home."

"Which in one case is not true as you are now vying for children's attention as they



ON THE BOX: Iain Lauchlan and inset, How Lion Became King of Tinga Tinga Land. Read the full interview with Iain at [www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk](http://www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk)

have so much going on in their lives. "When I speak to young actors I always tell them about the three C's which are commitment, content and contact. You have to do these in order to gain the children's trust and you always need to be truthful with them."

"What being a children's tv presenter taught me is being humble and not to take myself seriously."

"When actors start believing their own press then they start losing their humility."

Iain is heading to The Lighthouse Theatre in Kettering on March 27 as the writer and director of How Lion Became King of Tinga Tinga Land.

For tickets call 01536 414141.

## Frank's is the club for big belly laughs

Franks' Comedy Club is set to present three of the best stand-ups on the UK's comedy touring circuit.

The trio will be appearing at The Castle, Wellingborough, tomorrow Friday, March 18 at 8pm.

The evening will feature a past winner of the Chortle Student

Comedy Award, Matt Richardson, and affable, quick-witted banter merchant Dave Twentymen, alongside a third comedian to be announced.

Tickets are £12.50 or £10.50 concessions.

To book call the box office on 01933 270 007 or visit [www.thecastle.org.uk](http://www.thecastle.org.uk)

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### FRIDAY

#### West End star Lee Mead takes to Kettering stage

Let this West End star take you on a journey at the Kettering Lighthouse Theatre back to a time when the fabulous MGM films and musical theatre shows of the 1940s and 1950s thrilled audiences around the world. Show starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £22.

### SATURDAY

#### Comedy club at Kettering Arts Centre

Tonight the headline act is the brilliant Gareth Richards whose hilarious stand-up, silly jokes and low-key comedy songs have made him an instant favourite on the comedy circuit. Tony Vito and Dan Evans will be the opening and middle acts respectively. Tickets £9. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Visit [www.ketteringartscentre.com](http://www.ketteringartscentre.com) for more details.

#### 'M2M2' Music event at Northampton pub

Music to March to, Music to Mosh to, Music to Murder to, or Music to Move to or whatever - you choose. Northampton's heavy dark electro music night returns to The Victoria Inn from 8pm until 1am. Entry is free.

### TUESDAY

#### Fashion show at Northants County Ground

A Charity Fashion Show at the home of Northants Cricket in support of local breast cancer charity Coppafeel. The clothes for the fashion show have been provided by SOS and the brands on sale include New Look, Top Shop, Marks and Spencer, GAP, NEXT and Monsoon. Tickets are on sale for £5 each and can be bought either on the night or collected from Northampton College. Fashion Show starts at 7.30pm, doors open from 7pm.



Xiro by Okiem

Antique shop "Vintage Retreat" was decorated in a "garden-in-summer-night" style, creating a charming atmosphere for a performance by a talented star-to-be.

Okiem Warmann is a young, gifted pianist and composer, who has already been working with big names such as John Legend, Leona Lewis, Tinie Tempah, and Prince. After playing for them in big arenas, he decided to start a solo career.

He made his first instrumental album right on our doorstep - in his flat in Northampton, named Xiro (a word that appeared in a dream). In his 13 compositions he connects hip-hop and pop with classical music, creating modern classical sounds, with cinematic vibes. His music takes you far away.

Okiem was asked what the emotion that leads him is. He explained: "When you're creating, you just need to be free."

Okiem was interacting with the audience throughout his whole performance, letting them to get to know him. He was answering questions, telling stories and sharing jokes. "He is lovely" were the comments from around the room.

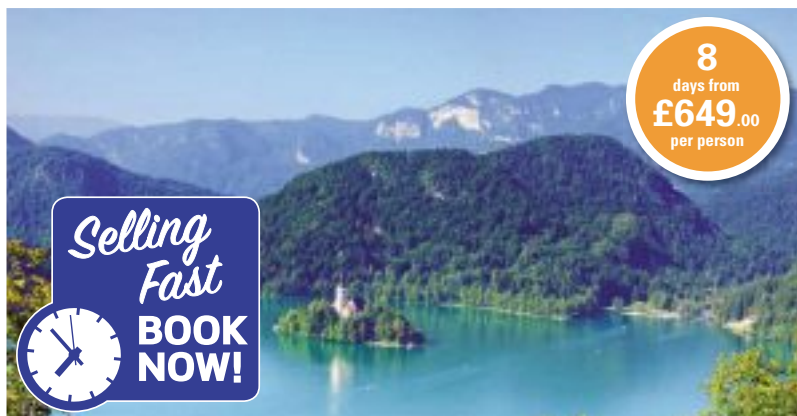
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The Northamptonshire Learning Disability Partnership Board is holding a big event

**It's all about you!**

Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Kettering Conference Centre 10am to 4pm

It's All About You is aimed at helping those with a Learning Disability to live independently and will include workshops on Employment and Housing

## **Employment Workshop**



The free bite size workshop is aimed at helping employers who have or are thinking of including a person with learning disabilities in their workplace. The workshops run by DK&A will explore potential barriers to employment, taking them through the process of marketing, interviewing and integrating people with a learning disability into the workforce.

Debbie Allen, LDPB Manager said "There is clear evidence that those with a learning disability bring proven benefits to the workplace and we want to share that through our workshops but also listen to and answer employers' questions."

### **There will be 2 Employment sessions:**

Morning: 10:30am -12 noon

Afternoon: 1:30 to 4pm

All participants will be given information including helpful tips to take away with them. If you have any queries please call Debbie Allen, on 07894 299736

or email; [dallen@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:dallen@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

## **Housing Workshop**

The event is also a chance for people with a Learning Disability

- To find out about plans for new housing and tell us what kind of home you want.
- To find out about and try Assistive Technology to help them live independently

There will also be lots of other stands and information available on the day!

- There will be 2 sessions:  
Morning: 10 to 12.30
- Afternoon: 1 - 2.30

To find out more or to book onto a session contact the LDPB.

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## MOTORING NEWS

## Meet Maserati's first SUV

With the Levante a new wind is blowing through the SUV segment, guaranteeing the passion, the flair and the exclusivity that have distinguished all Maserati models for more than a century.

The name was inspired by a warm, Mediterranean wind that can change from mild to gale force in an instant, mirroring the character of the first Maserati SUV.

The premium Italian SUV was conceived around three main pillars: design, exclusivity and performance.

It represents the optimum blend of these three elements in the SUV world.

The design is distinctive and attractive, embracing the aesthetic elements of Italian style.

It combines spaciousness and coupé lines while achieving the best aerodynamic efficiency in its segment with a Cx coefficient of just 0.31.

Its exclusivity stems from technical features like air suspension and the Q4 AWD system, which come as standard equipment, and the high level of customisation that includes two cutting-edge packages, Sport and Luxury.

The result is a driving experience that is as unique as the Maserati brand and its customers.

SETTING TRENDS: The Levante combines spaciousness with coupé lines



The Levante delivers unparalleled agility in the luxury SUV class.

The thoroughbred on-road handling typical of all Maserati cars and the solid off-road capabilities, as demanded in the SUV segment, describe the car's overall ethos.

The Levante is here to excite any sports car driver counting on performance-oriented features, such as the extensive use of lightweight materials, ideal 50-50 per cent weight distribution and its lowest in class centre of gravity.

The aluminium "double wishbone - five link" suspension layout is comprised of standard air

springs and electronically controlled Skyhook shock absorbers.

In conjunction with the intelligent Q4 All-Wheel-Drive system and the newly introduced Torque Vectoring system which deliver GT on-road behaviour and surprising - for a Maserati - off-road capabilities: the Levante is designed to deliver best in class comfort on rough roads and handling on snow and ice.

Engine-wise, the Levante is equipped with the latest evolution of the Maserati 3-litre V6 engines.

The two versions of the twin-turbo petrol engine and the

economical turbodiesel are globally acclaimed for their unique Maserati signature sound and for their exceptional performance.

Maserati's more than 100-year tradition of craftsmanship and cutting-edge technology guarantees outstanding quality right down to the tiniest of details.

The five metre long Levante is the longest car in its segment and its three metre wheelbase is six-10 cm longer than that of its major competitors.

As a result, the car is one of the roomiest in its class and also boasts the sportiest and most elegant design in the luxury SUV segment.

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## Fiat 500

### Take a look inside...

Fiat's trendy little 500 citycar may look little different but it's been significantly improved.

Outside, the only changes are a re-styled front grille and sleeker rear tail lights, but under the skin, the Italian brand claims that more than 1,800 modifications have been made. There are cleverer infotainment systems across the range, extra efficiency under the bonnet and more options in terms of personalisation.

Fiat promise improvements to both ride and handling, though this will probably be of limited interest to the car's urban-minded audience.

The petrol-only engine range is pretty familiar from before, which means that the entry level option is still a 1.2-litre naturally aspirated four cylinder petrol unit with 69PS. Cars fitted with this engine now receive bigger brakes to help safety and get the option of an 'Eco' package. Spend a little more and you can choose one of the two far more modern and efficient 'TwinAir' two cylinder turbocharged petrol powerplants.

There's a 95bhp 1.3-litre Multijet engine option if you want it. Plus, as before, there are potent 1.4-litre turbo petrol Abarth models on offer.

Fiat would've been unwise to mess with the 500's shape too much, so sensibly, they've kept exterior styling tweaks to the minimum with this improved model. Inside, the biggest change is the inclusion of 'Uconnect' infotainment systems on all models, although only the top 'Lounge' variant is fitted with a touch-screen as standard.

Redesigned air vents flank the screen, leading to a much more integrated feel than you'd get in many more expensive cars.

Drivers will also appreciate the smarter steering wheel with its chrome-plated switches. Plus, if they're in a plush 'Lounge' model, they've the benefit of an optional 7" TFT instrument cluster. The 185-litre boot remains as before.

To be honest, Fiat hasn't needed to do a whole lot to retain this 500 model's popularity.

It still looks great, it's always been fun to drive and providing the pricing doesn't get too ambitious, the market remains there for it.

As for this updated version, the interior improvements are welcome as is the extra technology. And there are plenty of extra options for Fiat dealers to talk about in the showroom.



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# Motoring News

## Ford Takes Honours At UK Car Of The Year Awards

Ford models have won UK Car of the Year Awards for the third year in succession. The all-new right-hand drive Ford Mustang took Coupé of the Year, winning over the judges with its performance, value for money and fun factor. UK Car of the Year honours are decided by a panel of 27 British motoring journalists, including contributors to

national newspapers, consumer and industry magazines, websites and TV. Ford Mustang owners can choose between 317PS of EcoBoost power or 416PS of V8 muscle, with prices starting from £30,495. In addition, the style and practicality of the latest Ford S-MAX helped secure Multi-Purpose Vehicle of the Year Award for the acclaimed Ford model.



## Subaru Produces 15 Millionth All-Wheel Drive Car

Subaru today announced that total production of vehicles equipped with its famous All-Wheel Drive (AWD) system has this month reached 15 million units. The milestone has been achieved almost 44 years after Subaru introduced the Subaru Leone 4WD Estate Van in September 1972, the first model to feature a drivetrain technology that is now synonymous with the Subaru brand and its products. Since then, Subaru has continuously developed and enhanced its AWD technology and the basic functions



of its cars, with the consistent aim to make driving safer and more enjoyable. In 2015, AWD-equipped models accounted for 98% of Subaru's global sales.

## SKODA VISIONS POINTS TO THE FUTURE



SKODA is taking the next step in the brand's model campaign: in the coming years, the Czech car manufacturer will be gradually expanding its offering

in the SUV segment. The SKODA Visions concept car gives an insight into the future SUV above the Yeti, which will be presented in the second half of 2016. Besides the future SUV design language, the show car reveals the most important technological innovations that SKODA will be placing an emphasis on in the coming years.

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# MOTORINGNEWS

## MG Set To Carry February Success Into March



MG saw a fantastic 63% increase in new car registrations in February. Customers keen to snap up the great cars and offers resulted in another surge in sales for the manufacturer. In February, MG registered 103 cars compared to 63 in 2015. Year-to-date, sales are already up more than 100% from last year. The brand's MG3 is still standing out as the best-seller, a title it looks set to carry into March.

## New Kia Sportage Enters UK Top Ten



Kia has seen the Sportage enter the Top Ten UK best-sellers as the all-new model enjoyed its first month on sale. With 2,889 new cars delivered to customers in February, Kia saw its market share reach 3.46 per cent and for the first two months of 2016 the brand recorded a sales figure of 7,955 – a 3.14 per cent market share. Astonishingly, in its first month on sale Sportage contributed to a stunning performance with 1,521 vehicles delivered to customers and dealers report huge demand for March deliveries. More than 5,000 customer orders have been placed since the latest generation of Kia's stand-out compact SUV hit showrooms on 5 February.

## Introducing The 330PS Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR

The new Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR has the seal of quality in its name: 40 years after the launch of the first Golf GTI, the customer sports version also possesses the acronym that, since 1976, has been synonymous with the Wolfsburg-based car maker's sporting character, powerful engines and maximum performance. Since it was first unveiled in July 2015, the Golf GTI TCR has been hugely popular on the racetrack: all the customer sports models for the 2016 season had already been snapped up by mid-January. The teams can field the 20 cars, which were developed by Volkswagen Motorsport, in up to 16 national and international TCR touring car championships.



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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (ALBERT ROAD, WELLINGBOROUGH)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Albert Road, Wellingborough as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Albert Road, Wellingborough from Finedon Road to Grant Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during relining of existing sewers.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 28th March 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

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Dated this 17th day of March 2016

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

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THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (HAZELWOOD ROAD, ST GILES STREET & DERNGATE, NORTHAMPTON)

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Hazelwood Road

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BEDFORD ROAD, NORTHAMPTON)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Bedford Road, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Bedford Road, Northampton from Cliftonville Road to Cheyne Walk.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during major carriageway construction works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st April 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 30th September when signed and overnight only.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: As specified in the Schedule below.

Dated this 17th day of March 2016

QUENTIN BAKER  
Director of LGSS Law

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Eastbound from Cheyne Walk	Use Victoria Promenade, St Peters Way, St Andrews Road, Grafton Street, Campbell Street, Upper Mounts, Lower Mounts, Abington Square, Kettering Road, Wellingborough Road, St Edmunds Street, Alfred Street and Cliftonville Road

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BEDFORD ROAD, NORTHAMPTON)

(TEMPORARY 30MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2016

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REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during major carriageway works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st April 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 30th September 2016.

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THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
(PENRHYN ROAD, NORTHAMPTON)  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH  
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

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**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Penrhyn Road, Northampton from Towcester Road to Hains Road.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during relaying of a pipe.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the road will be restricted for three days.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use Towcester Road, Haines Road and Southampton Road.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016

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## Local Authority Notices

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -  
SECTION 14  
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
(HOMESTEAD WAY, POTTERSPURY)  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH  
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

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**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Homestead Way, Potterspury from Brownswood Drive to North Way.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during repairs and associated works.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the road will be restricted for four days.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use High Street and Brownswood Drive.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016

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## Planning Notices

**NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND)  
ORDER 2015  
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13  
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990  
THE TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011**

N/2015/0898

**Sites F And G Upton, High Street, Upton**

Variation of condition 2 and removal of condition 33 of planning permission 11/0046/FULWNN (erection of 324no. dwellings and 77no.apartment extra care facility) to remove requirement for works to Harlestone Road/Mill Lane roundabout and Upton Way/Telford Road roundabout. Major Application

N/2016/0094

**Witham House, 130 - 132 St Georges Avenue**

Part demolition of existing two storey building to rear and existing garages. Erection of 4No one bedroom apartments and two garages. Within a Conservation Area

N/2016/0153

**78 Bailiff Street**

Change of use of dwelling (Use Class C3) into house in multiple occupation (Use Class C4) for 5no occupants and erect single storey rear extension. Within a Conservation Area

N/2016/0173

**Bay Tree Cottage, The Cross**

Single storey rear extension (retrospective) and replacement of front porch. Within a Conservation Area

N/2016/0176

**Land at The Green, Kingshorpe**

Erection of dwelling. Within a Conservation Area

N/2016/0164

**Former Cliftonville Middle School, Cliftonville Road,**

Variation of condition 2 of planning permission N/2014/0566 to enlarge three courtyards, redesign seclusion areas and MSU facility, redesign of cafe, change of design to cycle storage and reconfigured cycle route. Major Application.

Members of the public may inspect copies of any application, plans and any other documentation submitted by visiting the Council Offices, One Stop Shop, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE during all reasonable office hours. Alternatively the plans can be viewed via the Council's website ([www.northampton.gov.uk](http://www.northampton.gov.uk)) using the Search for Planning Applications page. This will also tell you the current status of the application together with other useful information. Anyone who wishes to make representations about any applications should write to the Planning Division, Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE or email [planning@northampton.gov.uk](mailto:planning@northampton.gov.uk) by: 7 April 2016

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## LICENSING ACT 2003

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licence is to: [Extend the opening hours: Monday - Wednesday From 11am to 3am, Thursday - Saturday From 11am to 5am, Sundays 3am and Sundays preceding a Bank Holiday 4am]. Any person wishing to make representations in relation to this application may do so by writing to: Licensing Officer, Northampton Borough Council The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE. Tel: 01604 838545, Fax: 01604 838723 • Email: [licensing@northampton.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@northampton.gov.uk)

Representations may be made for 28 consecutive days from the date of this notice. The last date for representations being 09/04/2016

A copy of the application is kept by the Licensing Authority at the above address and can be viewed Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 5.00pm and 9.00am to 4.30pm on Fridays, except Bank Holidays. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is a Level 5 fine on the standard scale.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14  
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
(BRIXWORTH ROAD, SPRATTON)  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)  
ORDER 2016**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Brixworth Road, Spratton as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Brixworth Road, Spratton from Yew Tree Lane and Oldehall Close.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during installation of new gas connection.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the road will be restricted for five days.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use Spratton Road, Northampton Road, Harborough Road, High Street, Station Road, Creation Road, Brixworth Road, The Green, Violet Lane and Welford Road.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016

QUENTIN BAKER  
Director of LGSS Law

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -  
SECTION 14  
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY  
COUNCIL (MILL LANE, GRIMSCOTE)  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH  
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**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Mill Lane, Grimscoote from Litchborough Road to Penthorpe Close.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during repairs to damaged Anglian Water equipment.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use Litchborough Road and Manor Road.

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THE SPOILS: Dylan Hartley poses with the Triple Crown trophy

## The title goes to England after thrilling victory

For the first time in Six Nations history, we know who the champions are with a full round of fixtures to spare as England claimed their first title in five years after a tumultuous weekend.

It was one that helped redeem the championship after an opening three rounds of mostly dull, unimaginative rugby and it has left England feeling much better about themselves after their humiliating exit from the Rugby World Cup five months ago.

The only place we can start is Twickenham and the wonderful match that took place between England and Wales that saw the hosts dominate for an hour before the visitors gave them a fright.

The Red Rose eventually edged the contest 25-21 but almost threw it away in the same manner as in the World Cup clash between the two.

England, captained by Northampton Saints hooker Dylan Hartley, were seemingly cruising as they found themselves 25-7 up with less than 10 minutes to go.

But Wales, so predictable for much of the afternoon, suddenly found their mojo and George North's try – his third in three games – sparked a comeback to spread panic amongst England, now with North's club-mate Kieran Brookes on the field.

England's championship win was confirmed on Sunday by Scotland finally putting their promise into practice as they deservedly defeated France 29-18 at Murrayfield.

The Scots scored some excellent tries with Duncan Taylor's individual effort and Tim Visser's clincher, set up by a brilliant piece of skill by Stuart Hogg, delighting the home crowd.

The weekend started with the most one-sided match of this year's Championship as Ireland ran in nine tries in crushing a hopeless Italy 58-15 at the Aviva Stadium.

Matt Wright

# Twickenham triumph as NSB take title for Zac

## NATWEST SCHOOLS U18 VASE FINAL

BY MATT WRIGHT  
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NSB 17  
ST AMBROSE COLLEGE 12

Northampton School for Boys made it a successful day at Twickenham at the second time of asking by lifting the Natwest Schools U18s Vase after defeating St Ambrose College in what has been an emotional week.

Whatever Callum Inwood and Joshua Arimoro go on to achieve, they can always say they crossed the try line at rugby HQ in what was an historic day for their school against their opponents from Altrincham.

The triumph is all the more poignant in that it came just three days after former NSB student Zac Forskitt, who played in their Daily Mail Cup final defeat in 2013, died after a brave fight against cancer.

There was a minute's silence held before what was a thrilling match that left nerves shredded, but the win was very much deserved after NSB dominated for long periods of the second half.

But their afternoon didn't start smoothly as St Ambrose struck first after seven minutes when a driving maul following a line-out gave number 8 Ciaran Booth an armchair ride over the line.

Tom Holliday was to smack a penalty against the post, before Jacob Daldry gave them a let-off when he sent a kick of his own wide and the score remained 7-0.



PERFECT DAY: The victorious NSB players celebrate with the trophy after a match none of these young men will ever forget

That changed after a succession of penalties, which was to see St Ambrose's Niall Broderick sin-binned, and NSB were to get themselves on the board as Inwood grounded the ball for a pushover try.

However, St Ambrose started the second half as strongly as they began the first and regained their lead within two minutes of the restart as Connor Doherty squeezed

in the corner for an unconverted try. NSB should have had a quick reply when Holliday missed a penalty from in front of the posts, but the match took another twist when Daldry's kick was charged down.

The loose ball fell to Arimoro, who went through the broken field to score, with Jake Johnson's conversion putting his side in front for the first time.

Johnson then saw an attempted drop goal come back off an upright, but Connor Tupai, son of former Saints' hardman Paul, was successful with a superbly struck effort of his own.

It extended the gap to five points, but NSB had to withstand all kinds of pressure in the closing stages before the final whistle led to wild celebrations.

## Sale bonus point of real value to Saints says Waller



Northampton Saints' prop Ethan Waller believes JJ Hanrahan's late bonus point-clinching try against Sale Sharks last Saturday could make a big difference as the race to finish in the Premiership's top four heats up.

Up to eight teams are in with a chance of reaching the play-offs this season and Northampton's 26-11 victory over Sale at Franklin's Gardens kept their hopes very much on track as they moved up to fourth in the table.

They fought back impressively from an 11-0 deficit to move comfortably ahead in the second half, but it was only in the 77th minute that Hanrahan touched down for their fourth try.

This put Saints one point clear of rivals Leicester Tigers ahead of another huge game against Exeter Chiefs on Sunday.

Waller said: "Obviously, it was fantastic to get that bonus-point win with how tight the league is at the moment. It's brilliant for us and it puts us in a good position going into the rest of the season."

"We had a bit of a shaky first 20 minutes, we'll admit that, but the endeavour we showed to fight right until the end and for JJ to get not only his first try but the crucial one in that bonus point was brilliant."

"We spoke about our discipline and how poor that was in the first 20 minutes and in scoring that try just before half time there was a bit of a momentum shift there and we managed to get on the front foot and came out in the second half firing."

Waller is hoping Northampton's recent habit of picking up vital wins on the road will continue this week when they travel to second-placed Exeter.

After an inconsistent first few months to the season, Saints have put together a run of results that have placed them in the top four, including hard-fought victories at fellow contenders Harlequins and Saracens.

They have helped to offset the damaging defeats earlier in the year at Worcester and London Irish and now they look to become only the second visiting team to win at Sandy Park this season.

Waller said: "I think we've got into a habit now of going away now and playing smart away-game rugby. Drawing out those wins might not be the prettiest games and they might not be the most exciting, but at this stage of the season with the conditions, it's about playing the right kinds of rugby in the right kinds of areas."

VITAL GAME: Ethan Waller is eyeing victory at Exeter





## Town must press for title

GRIPPED BY THE COBBLERS

BY TOM REED  
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Cobblers have 10 matches left to seal the deal in League Two and deservedly take the title crown after Saturday's 1-1 draw against Cambridge United.

Only a freak added-time U's equaliser at Sixfields could deny Chris Wilder's side victory in a match where Northampton bossed possession and shots on target.

Cambridge manager Shaun Derry celebrated James Spencer's 91st minute goal like he'd won a seven-horse accumulator at the Cheltenham Festival.

It seems taking a point from the Cobblers is a huge scalp and with opposition bosses rating Northampton so highly, now is the time for Town to believe in themselves and turn a 14-point lead at the summit of League Two into silverware. Their chances of being champions were given a boost by promotion rivals Oxford, Plymouth and Portsmouth all losing.

That means a 99 per cent chance of Northampton gaining automatic promotion, according to statistics, with just the small matter of finishing in first place left to achieve.

Certainly, if Town perform with the control they did versus Cambridge there will be victories to come in the 'winnable' next four fixtures against Stevenage, Newport, Mansfield and Notts County.

John Marquis opened the scoring in the local grudge match against Cambridge with a 71st minute header from a Joel Byrom corner.

Cobblers do have a habit of playing cat and mouse with opponents, however, and will have to start applying the killer blow sooner in matches.

John-Joe O'Toole and James Collins missed from free headers while Lawson D'Ath should have scored with a curved effort at the gaping goal after coming on as substitute.

Again there were reminders for mental alertness with Zander Diamond's tired back header falling into Spencer's lap with the game all but won for Northampton. Diamond managed to nod the ball to the only place where a goalscorer lurked with Spencer forcing the ball past Adam Smith on the half volley.

Cambridge boss Derry ran down the touchline like a third-rate Mourinho showing just how much Town have got under opponents' skin this season.

Chris Wilder's side have beaten nearest rivals Oxford United home and away, they saw off third-placed Plymouth at their place in January while form club Bristol Rovers were defeated in the first game of the season.

That sets up a humdinger of a match on April 9th at Sixfields between Cobblers and Rovers, newly rich after a takeover. Only the title will do for Cobblers now, widely accepted as the best team in the division.

Next up is Stevenage away on Saturday and the chance of three more points towards their ultimate goal.

# Richards almost ready for Cobblers comeback

FOOTBALL

BY MATT WRIGHT  
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Chris Wilder has revealed that Northampton Town's captain and top scorer Marc Richards will return to training this week after almost a month out with an Achilles injury.

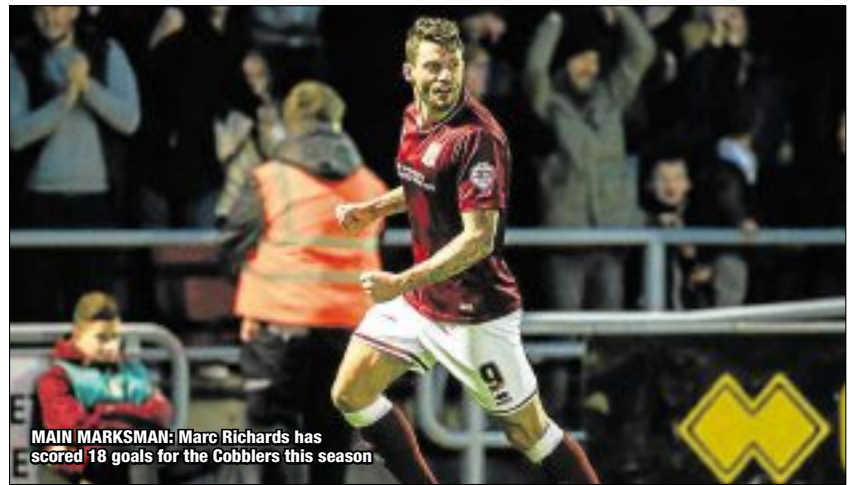
While the form of fellow strikers James Collins and John Marquis has meant that Richards' absence hasn't been too keenly felt, news of his impending return gives the Cobblers a boost as they look to seal promotion to League One.

Town enter the last 10 games of the season 14 points clear of second-placed Oxford United and Wilder is happy with the progress made by Richards, who has scored 18 goals this season.

He said: "He's doing well - we're holding him back a little bit, but hopefully he'll start to resume full-time training at the back end of the week.

"Maybe he'll be involved on Saturday [against Stevenage], that would be great news but he'll definitely be involved for the [Good] Friday and [Easter] Monday, which are a couple of big games as well.

"He's been out for a little while, but we've picked up some fantastic results. With him in the group and being available I



MAIN MARKSMAN: Marc Richards has scored 18 goals for the Cobblers this season

should imagine it would make every team at this level, and possibly the level above, better and when he comes back he'll certainly do that for us."

Marquis was signed on loan from Millwall on the day it was confirmed that Richards was set for a spell out injured and the 23-year-old has hit the ground running by scoring three goals in five games.

After a previous loan spell saw him score vital goals in the Cobblers' escape from relegation from the Football League

in 2014, the thought of keeping Marquis beyond the current campaign is on Wilder's mind.

He said: "It's something we're looking at. He did really well for Gillingham in League One and he's contracted to a really good League One/Championship side.

"He's wanted to come out and play football and he's doing himself no harm for us.

"Medium and long term is looking at players we feel that will make our group better and John at the moment is and we'll

see where we are come the end of the season, but there's no great rush for us to get stuff over the line just yet."

Wilder took Cambridge's euphoric reaction to their late equaliser in last Saturday's 1-1 draw as a compliment, saying: "I've got no issue - I know Shaun and I know he wants to win.

"I think that if they had not turned up full tilt and not had a go, we'd have run over the top of them and I think they had that in the back of their minds, so credit to them."

## Ben Fail impresses on senior debut despite the short notice

BOXING

He only had four days to prepare for it, but Far Cotton ABC's Ben Fail had a successful start to his senior career when he defeated Max Mudway in his hometown of Gloucester.

Mudway's original opponent had pulled out, leading to Far Cotton head coach John Daly being called and asked on Tuesday whether Fail or his twin brother Carl, who made his senior England debut two weeks ago, could step in.

Ben agreed to the 70kg bout, which

took place last Saturday and was watched by 300 spectators, all cheering on Mudway, in an atmosphere more like that of a British title bout.

Competing without a head guard for the first time and boxing in a smaller ring than he was used to didn't faze the 19-year-old, who gave one of the best displays of his fledgling career.

With an excellent combination of shots to Mudway's head and body, Fail dominated the fight and it was no surprise that he ran out victorious on a unanimous decision.

Daly said: "We knew it was going to

be a tough fight and we thought he [Mudway] must be a good kid to ask to fight someone of Ben or Carl's quality.

"I'd never seen such a small ring, which was supposed to do their kid a favour, but Ben was so relaxed he was smiling as he walked to the ring.

"It was the best boxing display I've seen from Ben, it really was a special performance from him. I was saying at the time 'I hope we don't get robbed on the decision' in their lad's hometown, but thankfully the judges agreed with what we saw."



SPECIAL DISPLAY: Ben Fail

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## Captain Dickson has set his sights on Northampton's crunch game with Exeter

# Make or break for Saints

### RUGBY UNION

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Northampton Saints captain Lee Dickson believes that with so many teams chasing a place in the Premiership's top four, every game is massive, starting with this Sunday's trip to Exeter Chiefs.

With six games of the regular season left, Saints are fourth in the table following last week's 26-11 victory over Sale Sharks, which moved them above Leicester Tigers.

With the exception of the home game with Bath at the end of April, every league fixture between now and the end of the campaign is against sides also aiming to reach the play-offs, making for a narrow margin of error.

Dickson said: "You can say every game is massive – one slip up, one loss and you're out of the top four, so everywhere we go now for the next four or five weeks, leading up to the end games of the season, we have to win."

"We have to take points away from home and it starts this weekend going down to Exeter, who are probably the in-form team, especially at Sandy Park."

"They've got a hell of a forward pack and exciting backs. It's going to be a tough game but on recent records we've had quite a good time down there. We've got to make sure we front up and get ready for the weekend."

Exeter will go into the game as favourites as only league leaders Saracens have previously come away from Sandy Park victorious so far this season and, unlike Saints, have been challenging near the top of the table all year.

Bizarrely, Northampton seem to



**EDGING AHEAD:** Northampton Saints moved a point clear of Leicester Tigers and into fourth last weekend

perform better on the road when faced by teams higher up the table, with their current run of five wins in six matches including victories at Harlequins and Saracens.

In contrast, they have come unstuck this season at Worcester, London Irish and Newcastle, the bottom three clubs in the Premiership, and Dickson believes playing as underdogs this weekend suits them.

He said: "We love being underdogs – I can think back to probably seven weeks ago, when people were writing us off thinking we were going to be a bottom-of-the-table-type team."

"We live on that and people will write us off, but we'll go about our business, we've got a tight group in that changing room."

"As a squad, we'll go about our business quietly and hopefully we'll be on the right side of that top four come May."

"Anything's possible – we've just got to take it game by game and make sure that we're in with a chance at the end."

Up to eight clubs still have a chance of finishing in the Premiership's top four in what has been a cut-throat season that has proven the cliché that

there are no easy games in the top flight of English rugby.

With twists and turns guaranteed in the weeks ahead, Dickson said: "I've never known a season like this – everyone is beating everyone at the moment. You can't switch off for two seconds because if you do you'll concede points and lose games."

"It doesn't really matter that we're heading to Exeter inside the top four. You can look at the table as much as you want, but we've just got to keep going game by game, keep playing well and make sure we do the right things at the right time."

## Lee finally able to catch breath after NSB win

### NATWEST SCHOOLS RUGBY

The nerves of Northampton School for Boys (NSB) director of rugby Mark Lee were put through the wringer again as his side edged a tense NatWest Schools U18s Vase final 17-12 against St Ambrose College.

Having got through their semi-final against Bloxham School by scoring the first try of a 20-20 draw, NSB were made to do it the hard way as they twice came from behind at Twickenham.

After Joshua Arimoro's try and Connor Tupai's drop goal had put them five points ahead, Lee's boys had to sustain a mountain of pressure in heroically holding on to their advantage.

Lee said: "That last ten minutes felt like about four years. I think I've got to retire soon, I've been doing this for so long."

"It was awful in the semi-final – it was that first try rule – and today it was awful and the last time I was here in the final [against Dulwich College in 2013] it was a nail-biter."

"I was hoping all the stress and pressure of cup rugby would have gone by the semi-final and that the final wouldn't be quite as bad, but it was just as bad all the way through."

"We didn't start well and we were bullied off the ball at the breakdown, but we started to get some pattern and we started to get some continuity and I think we played most of the rugby in the second half."

Lee also thought the match was a great tribute to former NSB student Zac Forskitt, who died last Sunday, saying: "I think the minute's silence would have affected the boys a little bit, but they wanted to do it."

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# The Deco Theatre

## The History of your Theatre



From **The Beatles** and the **Rolling Stones** to **family Panto**, and more – local theatre to celebrate **80 years** of top class entertainment.

## Northampton's Deco Theatre turns 80 in May!

### HISTORY

Originally The Savoy - a cinema-theatre that first opened its doors on May 2, 1936 - The Deco, as it is now known, has since hosted internationally famous names such as The Beatles and the Rolling Stones.

More recently, bouncing back from a period of decline in the late 1990s, The Deco has become a popular local theatre, putting on acclaimed Panto each Christmas since 2009, and providing family entertainments shows throughout the year which attract audiences from the town, the county and beyond.

When The Savoy first opened its doors on May 2, 1936, it was described at the time as "Northampton's only super Cinema", and reported to be "the last word in comfort".

It was part of the ABC group, designed by their house architect WR Glen, and built in under nine months on the site of the original Technical College. From the opening night, The Savoy became a hugely popular venue, with a capacity for just under 2000 people, and designed both as a cinema and theatre, complete with an orchestra pit.

In the 1950s it was renamed The ABC, in line with the group's national branding, and became the local venue of choice for the top touring bands of the 1960s, with The Beatles playing twice in 1963, the Rolling Stones in 1965, and - infamously - PJ Proby in 1965, when he was arrested for splitting his trousers on stage!

In 1974, it was converted to a three-screen cinema complex, and continued to thrive for some time. But by the turn of the 1990s - by now renamed Cannon Cinema - it struggled to compete with the modern multiscreen complexes, and finally closed its doors in 1995.

The building was derelict for five years, until in 2000 it was purchased by the Jesus Army Charitable Trust, to be converted to a church centre and multi-purpose venue, opening in October 2004 as The Deco and the Jesus Centre. The management began using the venue for theatrical productions, with Stage Right offering technical support, before the company took over the running of the theatre in 2009.

The Deco has also established itself in the past seven years as one of Northampton's top venues for hire, for hosting conferences, meetings, wedding receptions, parties and other social or corporate events.

"We have fantastic facilities, and we have catered for a multitude of events," said Jill Roach. "From Christmas parties to corporate away days, and much more. Basically, The Deco is a fantastic local facility, and I am proud of what it provides to Northampton, its growing reputation, and the variety of entertainment we are providing."

### OUR JOURNEY

"This has been a fantastic local facility since 1936, and its 80 years deserve to be celebrated," said Jill Roach, of Northampton based Stage Right Productions, that now runs it as The Deco Theatre.

"We're proud that it's once again providing top class entertainment for the people of Northampton and around, and though it's been hard work since we took over the running of The Deco seven years ago, it has been, and is, incredibly rewarding."

"We originally provided technical support for the management of the theatre, but they offered us the opportunity to run it as a fully operational local theatre back in early 2009, and we couldn't resist the challenge."

"We put on the 'Peter Pan' Panto that year in three months, but we had great response from local people, both in their support for what we were doing, and for their verdict on the show, and we've gone from there," she said. "Last year's Panto was fantastic, virtually selling out throughout the run, and the feedback was extremely positive and uplifting."

"We've been on an incredible journey, and it's been a great learning experience for us in many ways - indeed, we're learning all the time, but that's because we want to make sure that everyone who comes to The Deco finds it a pleasant and enjoyable experience."

"But we are proud that we are offering top class entertainment at affordable prices, so that an evening out at the theatre is something that everyone can enjoy."

### HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 80 YEARS

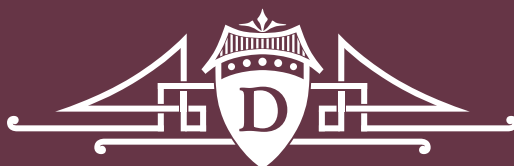
The Deco will be hosting a party later in the year to mark it's 80th birthday, and Jill Roach is hoping that the star guest will be someone who was born on May 2, 1936.

She said: "We are really keen to hear from a local resident who also celebrates their 80th birthday on May 2: it would be lovely to invite them, and their family, to a joint celebration.

"We are also looking for local people to contact us with their own memories of The Deco over the years - maybe someone who saw The Beatles, or the Rolling Stones - so we can print them on our social media sites, and invite them, too, to our party."







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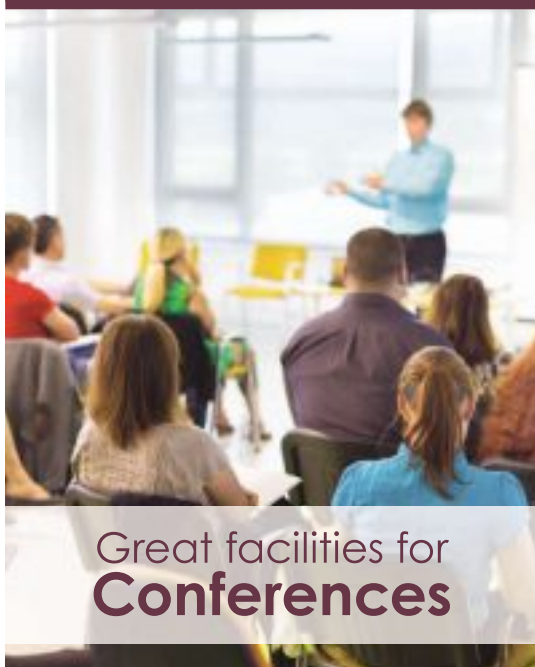
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